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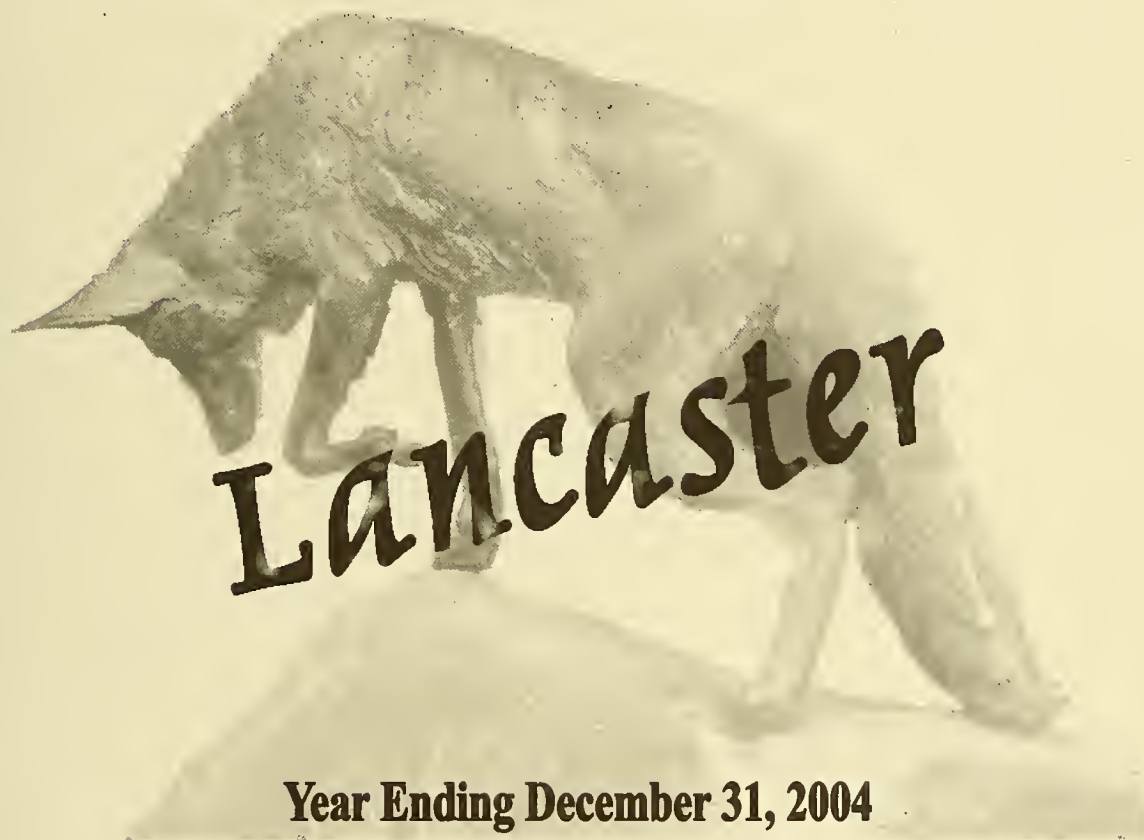
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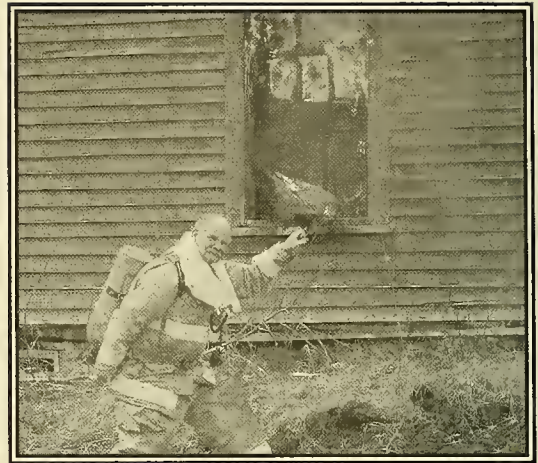
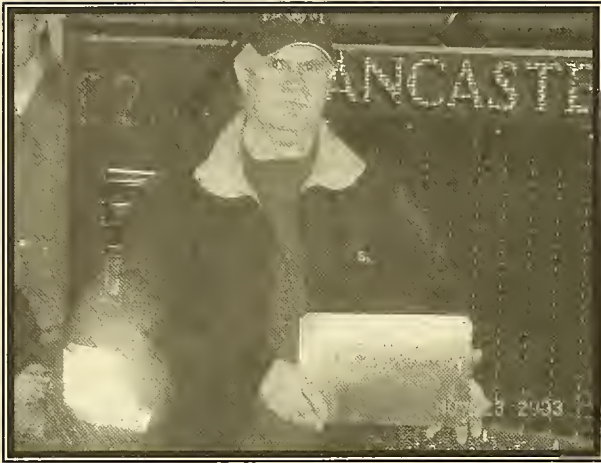
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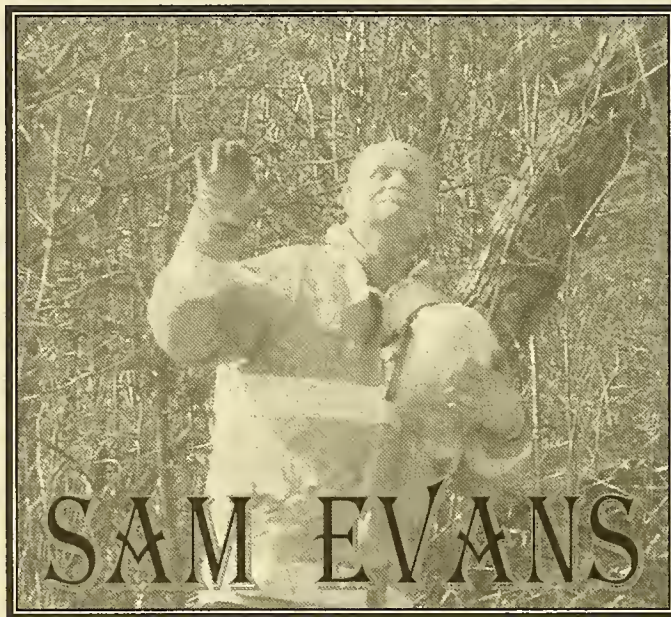
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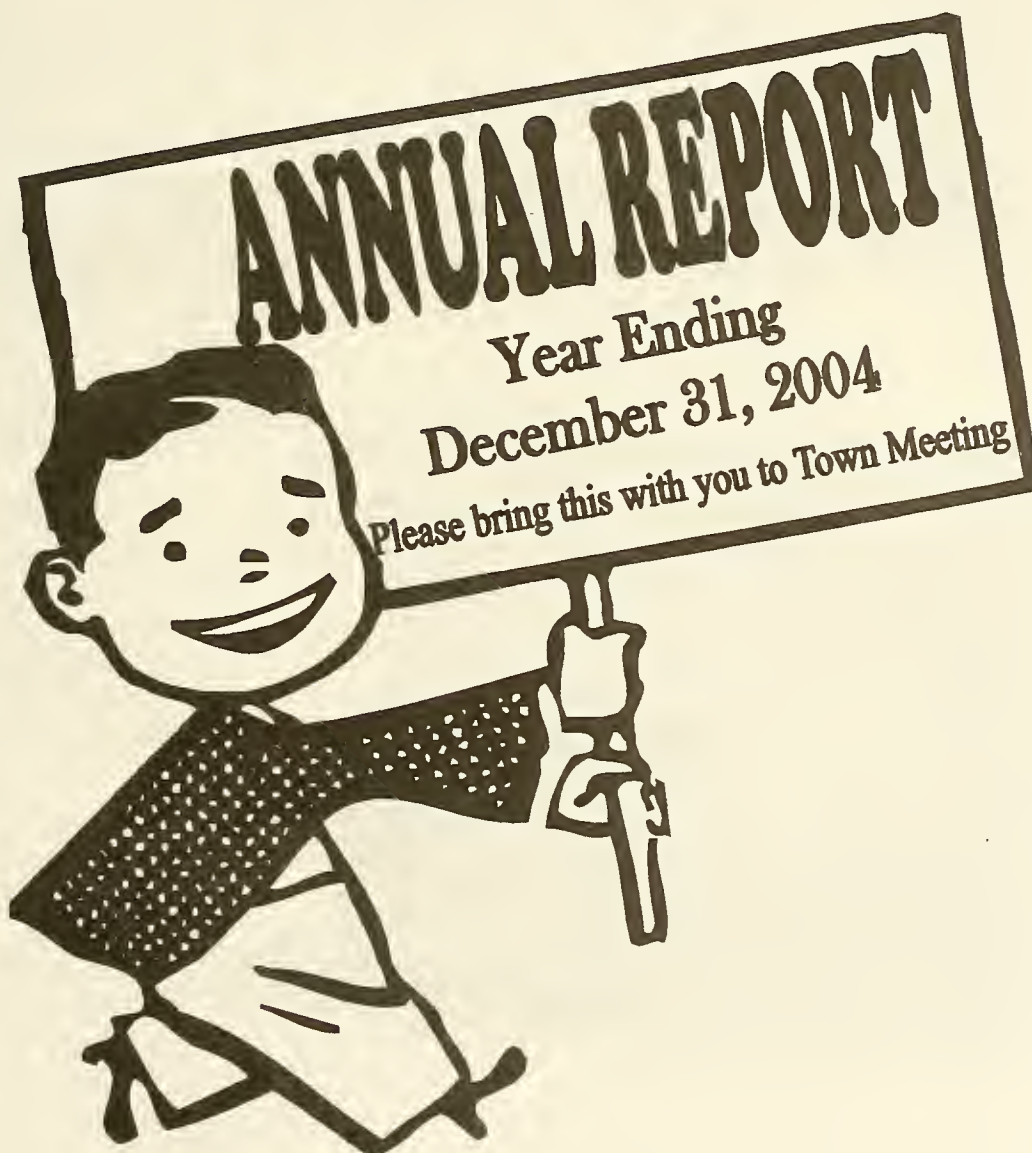
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2005 DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 1	Fiscal Year Begins
JANUARY 10	Public Budget Hearing for School District
JANUARY 19	First day for Candidates to declare for Town & School District Election
JANUARY 28	Last day for Candidates to declare for Town & School District Election
FEBRUARY 7	Annual School Meeting (Deliberative session S/B 2)
MARCH 1	Deadline to file for an exemption or abatement from your property taxes following the date of notice of tax
MARCH 8	Annual Town Meeting & Vote on School Warrant (per Senate Bill 2)
APRIL 1	All property both real and personal, assessed to owner this date
APRIL 15	Last day to file Property Tax Inventories
APRIL 30	Dog Owners should license their dogs by this date
MAY 31	After this date, a \$25 forfeiture charge may be imposed for any unlicensed dogs
JULY 1	First half of the semi-annual tax billing due - commences to draw interest at 12 percent after this date
DECEMBER 1	Second half of the property tax due - unpaid real estate and personal taxes commence to draw interest at 12 percent



**TOWN MANAGER'S
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

PRESENTED TO

JEAN OLESON

**FOR UNSELFISH DEVOTION
AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
TO THE
TOWN OF LANCASTER**

2004

**VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION
DINNER**

November 10, 2004

Photo: Jean Oleson
Joyce McGee



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2004 Town Officers

Elected Officials

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Expires 2005

David Stickney

Expires 2006

Royce Hutchinson

Expires 2007

Allan Carr

TREASURER

Expires 2005

Ann M. Huddleston

TOWN CLERK

Expires 2005

Jean Oleson

MODERATOR

Expires 2005

Paul D. Desjardins

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Expires 2005

Donald L. Crane

Expires 2006

James H. Whithed

Expires 2007

Carol H. Stiles

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Expires 2006

Maryrose Corrigan

Expires 2008

Patrick Payer

Expires 2010

Sandra E. Doolan

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Expires 2005

Richard Bernier

Expires 2005

Donald L. Crane

Expires 2005

Thomas Foss

Expires 2006

Bruce Hutchings

Expires 2006

Robert Snowman

Expires 2006

Herbert Richardson

Expires 2007

Aurore M. Hood

Expires 2007

Allvin Leonard

Expires 2007

Dennis Merrow

Expires 2005 (Selectboard Representative)

David Stickney

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Expires 2005

Diantha "Pidy" Rochefort

Expires 2006

Jon Dugan-Henriksen

Expires 2007

Michael W. Nadeau

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CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Expires 2005	Michael W. Nadeau
Expires 2006	Ronald N. Bailey
Expires 2007	Joyce C. White

EMMONS SMITH FUND COMMITTEE

Expires 2005	Patrick Payer
Expires 2006	Jean Foss
Expires 2007	John E. Brooks

COL. TOWN SPENDING COMMITTEE

Expires 2005	Donna Bouthillier
Expires 2005	Patrick Payer
Expires 2005	Patricia Rexford
Expires 2006	Sharon Atkinson
Expires 2006	MacGill James
Expires 2006	Trisha Rivard
Expires 2007	Andrew Cliche
Expires 2007	Richard McGinnis
Expires 2007	Jay Riff

COL. TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Donald L. Crane	Dennis Merrow
Roger Gingue	Douglas Shearer
Hal Goolman	James Whithed
David Hill (resigned)	

2004 Town Officers

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Appointed Boards/Committees

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Expires 2005	Alan Savage, Chairman
Expires 2005 (Alternate)	Joan Wiese
Expires 2006	Allen Bouthillier
Expires 2006	Millard Martin, Jr.
Expires 2006 (Alternate)	Colin Sutherland
Expires 2006 (Alternate)	George "Skip" Sansoucy
Expires 2007	James Hammond, Vice Chairman
Expires 2007	Leon Rideout
Expires 2007 (Alternate)	Lewis Cassady
Expires 2007	John Lawlor (resigned)
	Jean Oleson
(Clerk)	

PLANNING BOARD

Expires 2005	Donald Doolan, Chairman
Expires 2005 (Lancaster Renaissance Rep.)	Fred Emerson
Expires 2005 (Alternate)	John Brooks
Expires 2005 (Alternate)	Lester Hilton
Expires 2006	David Rexford
Expires 2006	Steve Young
Expires 2006 (Alternate)	Aurore Hood
Expires 2007	Ann-Marie Dubreuil
Expires 2007	Claude Reed
Expires 2007 (Alternate)	Cynthia "Cid" Southworth
Expires 2007 (Alternate)	Joseph Hoey, Jr.
	Royce Hutchinson
(Selectman)	Sally Pratt (resigned)
(Clerk)	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Expires 2005	David Rexford
Expires 2005	Ron Wert, Chairman
Expires 2006	Allan Carr
Expires 2006	Paul Crane
Expires 2007	Robert Christie
Expires 2007	Traci Wagner

COÖS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. REPRESENTATIVE

Expires 2005	MacGill James
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NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Expires 2005

William Remick

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Kevin Kopp

Millard Martin, Jr.

Dennis Merrow

James Seppala

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Edward Samson, Jr, Chairman

Peter Roy

Steven Jones

Blake Janney

Jean Oleson

James Noland

Ron Wert

Michael Nadeau

INSPECTORS OF THE ELECTION

REPUBLICAN

Expires 10/31/2006

Expires 10/31/2006

Expires 10/31/2006 (Alternate)

Expires 10/31/2006 (Alternate)

Margaret Roberts

Norma Roberts

Marilyn Crane

Carol Reed

DEMOCRAT

Expires 10/31/2006

Expires 10/31/2006

Expires 10/31/2006 (Alternate)

Expires 10/31/2006 (Alternate)

Anne Corridan

Abby Goolman

Kirsten Scobie

Nancy Southworth



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FULL-TIME TOWN EMPLOYEES

Dennis Donnelly	November 1976
Edward Samson, Jr	May 1979
Michael Nadeau	January 1980
Jean Oleson	March 1984
Barbara Robarts	May 1985
Wendy Houghton	April 1988
Joyce McGee	June 1989
Christopher St. Cyr	October 1989
Timmy Bilodeau	July 1992
William McMann	December 1992
Paul H. Hood	July 1993
Blake Janney	December 1995
Peter Roy	April 1996
Dennis Patnoe	April 1997
William Colborn	August 1997
Steven Jones	March 1998
Michael Huntington	November 1998
David Currier, Seasonal Full-time	April 1999
James Noland	November 1999
Lisa Wade	February 2000
Jason Desrochers	August 2000
Stephen Robbins	August 2000
Edward & Denise Wood	October 2001
William Brown	August 2002
Timothy Brown, Water/Sewer	October 2002
Charity Blanchette	March 2003
Randy Flynn, Fire Chief	June 2003
Arthur Dunn, Highway	June 2003
Becky Newton	October 2003
James Kenison, Mechanic	May 2004
Patrick Carr	May 2004
Tim Charbonneau	December 2004

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 9, 2004

At 8:00 a.m. Moderator Paul D. Desjardins declared the polls open for voting on Article 1, the election of municipal officers; Article 2 revisions to the existing Zoning Ordinance, the school warrant articles, school district moderator and school board members. The polls closed for this purpose at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:40 p.m. Moderator Desjardins opened the business session of the Annual Town Meeting and welcomed all. Prior to opening the polls the ballot clerks were sworn in and the ballot boxes were inspected and locked.

Moderator Desjardins introduced himself as well as Town Clerk, Jean Oleson, Selectmen Linda Hutchins, Roger Gingue and Royce Hutchinson, Town Manager Joyce McGee and Administrative Services Manager Becky Newton. Moderator Desjardins also thanked the assistant moderators, supervisors of the checklist and the election volunteers who worked at the polls today.

The Lancaster 3rd graders led by Robert Hunt performed a musical presentation for all in attendance. Lancaster Girl Scout Troop #117 brought forth the colors and Allvin Leonard led all in the pledge of allegiance.

Moderator Desjardins introduced Lancaster Elementary School 5th grader Ben King who sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Colonel Gerard Boyle, US Marine Corps Retired and Chairman of the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve Committee for the northern half of the State of New Hampshire, Sergeant Major Jim Goss and Master Sergeant Renee Cass, NH Army National Guard made a presentation, on behalf of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, in recognition of outstanding service and dedication of the Town of Lancaster to the men and women of the armed forces who are deployed in Iraq.

Moderator Desjardins stated that the town received a protest petition relative to Article 2 and it appears that it was not timely filed. However the town is awaiting an opinion from the NH Municipal Association on that issue. Moderator Desjardins said that if it is determined that the protest petition was not timely filed than a majority vote would be successful on that article and if it is determined that it was timely filed a 2/3rds majority vote would be required for that article to pass.

Moderator Desjardins explained the rules of procedure and asked for voter approval for Town Manager Joyce McGee and Administrative Services Manager Becky Newton, non-residents, to speak during the course of the meeting. The voting body granted permission.

Article 1 Election of officers.

Selectman, Allan J. Carr	3 year term
Selectman, David Stickney	1 year term
Supervisor of the Checklist, Sandra Doolan	6 year term
Trustee of Trust Funds, Carol Stiles	3 year term
Library Trustee, Michael W. Nadeau	3 year term
Cemetery Trustee, Joyce E. White	3 year term
Emmons Smith Fund, John E. Brooks	3 year term
Budget Committee	
Aurore M. Hood	3 year term
Allvin "Whitey" Leonard	3 year term
Dennis Merrow	3 year term
Herb Richardson	2 year term
Col Town Spending Committee	
Andrew Cliché	3 year term
John L. Riff IV	3 year term
Dick McGinnis	3 year term

Article 2 Revisions to the existing Zoning Ordinance.

624 no and 219 yes. Article 2 failed.

Article 3 Ambulance Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Two Thousand Dollars (\$72,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing an ambulance, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$72,000.00 of long term notes or bonds in accordance with RSA 33, and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes or bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The first payment on this note or bond will not be due until 2005. (Voted on by written ballot after discussion – 2/3rds vote required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 3 was moved and seconded. After a lengthy discussion Moderator Desjardins declared the polls open for ballot voting on Article 3 and the polls remained open for one hour.

Results of ballot vote – 98 yes and 186 no. Article 3 failed.

Article 4 Modify Elderly Exemptions

Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Lancaster, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$25,000.00; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$30,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must

have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400.00 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$26,400.00; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000.00 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 4 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 4 carried.

Article 5 Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35:1) for the purpose of facility upgrades to Lancaster's Transfer Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for this purpose, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This article is included in Article 29, the operating budget. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 5 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

A motion was made to amend Article 5 by adding the following "and equipment purchases" after upgrades.

Motion to amend carried.

After further discussion Moderator Desjardins called for a vote on Article 5 as amended.

Moderator Desjardins declared that the article failed and his call was challenged so a physical card count was taken

Article 5 as amended failed – yes 82, no 177.

Article 6 Add to Capital Reserve Fund Accounts

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars (\$108,000.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

Town Revaluation	\$10,000.00
Highway	\$ 28,000.00
Fire Dept.	\$ 20,000.00
Town Hall Improvements	\$ 10,000.00
Bridge Replacement	\$ 25,000.00
Police Dept	\$ 5,000.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,000.00
Library	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Total	\$108,000.00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 2 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 6 carried.

Article 7 Caleb Group

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,200.00) for the support of the Caleb Group (enhancing independent living). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 7 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 7 carried.

Article 8 Lancaster Humane Society

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the support of the Lancaster Humane Society. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 8 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 8 carried.

Article 9 North Country Senior Meals and Transportation Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the support of the North Country Senior Meals and Transportation Program. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 9 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 9 carried.

Article 10 Mt. Washington Airport Authority

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$.75 per capita (Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Sixty Dollars - \$2,460.00) for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority for the current fiscal year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee)

Article 10 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 10 carried.

Article 11 White Mountain Mental Health & Development Services

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars (\$5,805.00) for the support of White Mountain Mental Health

and Development Services. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 11 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 11 carried.

Article 12 American Red Cross

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$.40 per capita (One Thousand Three Hundred Twelve Dollars - \$1,312.00) for the support of the American Red Cross - Greater White Mountain Chapter. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee)

Article 12 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 12 failed.

Article 13 Tri-County Community Action Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for the support of the Tri-County Community Action Program. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 13 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 13 carried.

Article 14 North Country Home Health Program

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$230.00) for the support of the North Country Home Health Program. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee)

Article 14 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 14 failed.

Article 15 Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$.50 per capita (One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars - \$1,640.00) for the support of the Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce for the current fiscal year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 15 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 15 carried.

Article 16 Land Exchange

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exchange strips of land with Aldine and Mary Tillotson thereby confirming the location of Spring Street in the Town of Lancaster near its intersection with Elm Street. Said exchange shall be on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with all costs of

survey and transfer to be borne by the Tillotsons. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 16 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 16 carried.

Article 17 Sale of Town Owned Property

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property shown on tax map R23 Lot 15, R21 Lot 10D, R11 Lot 57, P5 Lot 54, R11 Lot 13, P2, Lots 24, 25 & 26, P14 Lot 37, R11, Lot 92 and R6 Lot 19. Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 17 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 17 carried.

Article 18 Partial Town Revaluation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for a partial revaluation of the town and authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 18 was moved and seconded. A lengthy discussion followed.

Article 18 failed.

Article 19 Purchase New Plow Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$112,000.00) to purchase a new plow truck with attachments and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 19 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

A show of voter cards was not definitive so Moderator Desjardins called for a physical count.

Article 19 carried – 126 yes, 118 no.

Article 20 Bridge Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the purpose of bridge replacement and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Bridge Replacement

Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 20 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 20 carried.

Article 21 Engineer Plans for Landfill Closure

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$16,850.00) for the purpose of engineering plans for the landfill closure and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Landfill Closeout Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 21 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 21 carried.

Article 22 Purchase Baler and Accessories

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$45,477.00) to be used to purchase a horizontal recycling baler and necessary accessories (\$41,677.00), to make necessary electrical upgrades to utilize the baler (\$500) and to purchase a grapple bucket for the Bobcat to be used in the cardboard recycling process (\$3,300.00). Said funds shall be withdrawn from the Motor Vehicle Waste Fund and no amount is to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 22 was moved and seconded.

Motion was made and seconded to amend the article to read as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$3,300.00) to be used to purchase a grapple bucket for the Bobcat to be used for cardboard recycling and for the materials handling of demolition debris. Said funds shall be withdrawn from the Motor Vehicle Waste Fund and no amount is to be raised from taxation.

Motion to amend carried.

Discussion followed.

Article 22 as amended carried.

Article 23 Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the sale of the 1978 Mack/Boyer (body) Pumper. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 23 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 23 carried.

Article 24 Water Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Said sum to come from water fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 24 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 24 carried.

Article 25 Portland Street Water Improvement Project

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) to implement the Portland Street Water Improvement Project to upgrade and improve the Lancaster Water System and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Lancaster Water Department Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 25 was moved and seconded. A lengthy discussion followed.

Article 25 carried.

Article 26 Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from sewer fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 26 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 26 carried.

Article 27 Painting at Weeks Memorial Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for painting at the Weeks Memorial Library and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Weeks Library Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 27 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 27 carried.

Article 28 Engineering Study, Summer and Causeway Streets

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000.00) for a survey and an engineering study for anticipated improvements to drainage, sidewalks, water and sewer infrastructure on Summer Street (phase II) and Causeway Street. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 28 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Motion was made and seconded to amend Article 28 by proposing that half of the \$46,000 raised and appropriated by Warrant Article 28 be derived from the Water Department Emergency Fund or Excess Fund (Surplus Fund).

The show of voter cards was not definitive. The Moderator called for a physical card count.

The amendment failed – 85 yes, 103 no.

The Moderator called for a vote on Article 28.

The Moderator declared that Article 28 carried.

There was a request for a recount. A physical card count was taken.

Article 28 carried – 126 yes, 66 no.

Article 29 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Eight Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars (\$3,882,827.00) which represents the operating budget. Said sum includes Articles 5 & 6 but does not include any other Warrant Articles. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

Article 29 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Motion was made and seconded to amend Article 29 by reducing the amount by \$15,000 (Article 5) so that the amount to be raised and appropriated is \$3,867,827.00.

Motion to amend carried.

Motion was made and seconded to amend Article 29 by reducing the amount by \$93,000.00.

Motion to amend failed.

Article 29 as amended carried.

Article 30 Lancaster Play and Learning Center

The purpose of this request for funding the Lancaster Play and Learning Center, a non-profit organization, located on 3 Cemetery Street to help pay for a Summer Enrichment program. This program will be offered to presently enrolled children and

encourage new enrollment at a time when enrollment is low. The program will include theater, science and other art forms. The school and community benefit through additional learning opportunities. Children who participate in the arts perform better in school. The estimated cost for this for the center is \$5,000.00. We serve about 35 families in the Lancaster area every year. We have about 35 children enrolled in our programs every year. We have provided childcare services to the Lancaster area residents for over 25 years. Please give our request consideration. Without funding we will not be able to keep our rates affordable. (By Petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee)

Article 30 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Article 30 failed.

Article 31 New Town Positions

Any and all new positions created by the Lancaster selectmen or Town Manager must be approved by a vote of people at Town Meeting. (By Petition) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee)

Article 31 was moved and seconded. Discussion followed.

Moderator Desjardins stated that this is an advisory vote.

Article 31 carried.

Article 32

To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Moderator Desjardins declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

2004 was a busy year for each of the Town's departments as many projects were completed. "Hats Off" to the departments for a job well done! Many more projects are slated for 2005 and will allow us to maintain the level of service we provide to the residents of Lancaster.

Through the efforts of CEDC the Town has seen some changes occur within the Industrial Park. The sale of 5 lots has been realized by our own F.B. Spaulding Co. here in Town. It is very exciting to see this company continue to grow and make a commitment to the Town.

Real Estate seems to be busy once again especially the residential areas of Town where many new homes have been built. We also have seen many establishments change hands as well as new business come to town. Welcome to each and every one of you!

Pending litigation has been on the Town's agenda as claims have been filed with BTLA (Board of Tax and Land Appeals) relative to the 2003 revaluation and Superior Court relative to a Zoning Board decision. These cases should be settled in 2005.

Topics of discussion have been the Israel River Dam as the Town is looking into removing the unit situated above the Mechanic Street Covered Bridge; Lynsey House situated on Prospect Street; Warner Cable franchise agreement and other issues pertaining to the Town.

The Board of Selectmen meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month starting at 6:30 PM. The public is urged to attend these meetings so as to be informed of what is happening in town.

May 2005, be a happy and healthy year for each of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce A. McGee
Town Manager

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This year has been a very eventful year, to say the least. We started the pre-engineering work on the low water pressure situation throughout the town. This will take care of the low pressure on Holton Park, Bunker Hill Street, Prospect Street, Hartco Avenue, and other areas. This has been a project that we have been working on all year; we will be coming to town meeting this year for the engineering money for this project for a summer 2006 start date. The board was hoping to start this project this summer, but we had no idea just how much was involved in doing a project this large.

The board also has decided that the town garage will NOT be replaced. We will do extensive maintenance on the garage that is overdue. We will start doing a little each year as the budget can support it.

One of the other big projects done this summer was to hot top a lot of the streets, and there are a lot more of them to be done this summer. If we do not stay up on these things, they will indeed cost the town more in the future; that is what the board is trying to prevent.

I just want to take this time to thank all the volunteers who help the Town out throughout the year. Without them the Town would not run as smoothly as it does.

A special thanks to Royce and Allan. It has been a pleasure to work with you throughout the year. I feel we have accomplished all of the goals we set out to do this year.



SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

To say that the Supervisors of the Checklist weren't busy this year would be a "BIG" understatement. We survived the 'Blue Moon', a 'Lunar Eclipse', a 'Polling Place Inspection', 'Four planets visible in December', Sandra becoming a grandmother' and some of us even had 'Red Sox Faith' – all of this and 4 elections too!!!!

We sat at various times during the year to update the checklist for all of the elections, town meeting and the school meeting.

Our elections were: January 27th – Presidential Primary
 March 9th – Town Meeting
 September 14th – State Primary
 November 2nd – Presidential Election

These were all very busy elections with many people registering to vote. The call for absentee ballots was at an all time high this year, mainly due to college students and our men and women in the service.

The Supervisors from all of the towns were invited to go to the High School and register students, only those from Lancaster and Twin Mountain were there, it seemed too bad that the other towns couldn't take the time to come down as they had students who really wanted to register. We told them what they could do on the day of elections and hopefully they did get their chance to vote.

Once again, we had the KIDS VOTING set up at the polls during the Presidential Election. It is always great to see them come in, they are so excited that they can get to vote and many of them make sure that their parents also vote. One little girl said that she had to come with her Mom so she could tell her which names she was to vote for, as they had been studying all about it in school and she wanted to make sure that Mom did it right. After all, "they" are the future leaders.

Many people are taking offense that we have them state their name to the ballot clerks as they come in and leave the polls. (Sorry – This is one of the things that we were written up on during the polling inspection.) It is stated in RSA 659:13 that you are to state your name to the ballot clerks. We know a lot of the people who pass through, and you know that we know you, but we have to do it. Please don't be offended.

If you are a first time voter in Lancaster, you will need to bring some form of identification with you. Such as your birth certificate, driver's license, utility bill receipt, social security card or a rent receipt, something that shows that you are a resident Lancaster. Even though we have certain times that we sit for voter registration, you may also register to vote on the same day as the election that is taking

place, or if you want you may go to the Town Clerk's Office during the week and register there with the Town Clerk.

We had a very busy day at the Presidential Election in November. We registered 196 voters that day. That is the most in one day that we can remember. We have, over the course of this year, registered 447 voters and removed 154 due to deaths and those who have moved away.

Town Clerk, Jean Oleson, and Supervisor, Sandra Doolan, attended a HAVA Conference in North Conway on December 17th learning how the State is trying to set up a statewide database for all of the towns so we can keep better track of voters.

Again, if you are an old or new voter and have any questions of us, please feel free to ask. If we don't have the answer for your right then, we will do our best to get you one as soon as possible. We are here to serve you – and remember – “YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT”.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Sandra E. Doolan
Maryrose Corrigan
Patrick M. Payer

Note: To the members of our town, who have been called up to go and serve our country, please know that you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers, always.



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Registration of Motor Vehicles	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees Collected	\$497,597.00	\$515,707.00	\$539,584.00
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	9,716.50	10,440.00	10,765.00
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	<u>11,318.00</u>	<u>11,496.00</u>	<u>11,588.00</u>
Total Collected	<u>\$518,631.50</u>	<u>\$537,643.00</u>	<u>\$561,937.00</u>

Dog Licenses	<u>\$4,397.50</u>	<u>\$4,543.00</u>	<u>\$3,401.50</u>
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Town Record Fees			
Automobile Title Applications	1,816.00	1,950.00	2,124.50
Recreation Vehicle Registrations	402.00	306.00	600.00
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	16.00	12.00	24.00
Boat Registrations	83.36	202.12	2,010.28
Municipal Agent Fees Collected	12.00	27.00	345.00
Certified Copies of Vital Records	12,576.00	10,696.00	13,500.00
Filing, Terminating, & Searching UCC'S	3,830.75	3,495.21	3,139.00
Marriage Intentions	945.00	1,575.00	1,665.00
Recording Fees and Tax Liens	80.00	75.00	325.00
Licenses and Fees	<u>1,135.34</u>	<u>1,485.64</u>	<u>664.19</u>
Total Collected	<u>\$20,896.45</u>	<u>\$19,823.97</u>	<u>\$24,396.97</u>

Total Remitted to Treasurer	<u>\$543,925.45</u>	<u>\$562,009.97</u>	<u>\$589,735.47</u>
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No. of motor vehicle permits issued	<u>4,342</u>	<u>4,454</u>	<u>4,573</u>
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No. of boat registration issued			<u>244</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

Jean E. Oleson, Town Clerk

Lancaster Voters went to the polls 4 times in 2004, to vote in the Presidential Primary in January, the Annual Town Meeting in March, the State Primary in September and the Presidential election in November. Election workers had a very busy year, especially during the November election. On Nov 2nd 1,528 voters went to the polls with 200 voting absentee. That number is up from the Nov 7, 2000 election where 1,408 voters went to the polls and 149 voted absentee. A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the polls.

We now issue certified copies of marriages, births, and deaths via NHVRIN (New Hampshire Vital Records Information Network). The State provided a new PC and printer for this purpose. Copies are issued via the Internet from a central database at the NH Division of Vital Records Administration.

Last fall Wayne & Darlene Burke from the Genealogical Society of Utah microfilmed marriage and death records for the years prior to 1948 and birth records for the years prior to 1901. These records are available to the public on microfilm at Weeks Memorial Library.

As of January 1st of this year heirloom birth certificates are available to all those born in New Hampshire between the years of 1948 to the present. The cost is \$25.00 and can be obtained through the NH Division of Vital Records Administration.

The new MAAP (Municipal Agents Automation Project) is scheduled for implementation in April. MAAP is a new motor vehicle program. In 2004, the State provided the town with a new PC at no cost. MAAP will replace the current online system for processing titles, registrations etc. COMPASS (Citizens Online Maintaining Plates Annually, Swiftly and Simply) is a subsystem of MAAP. COMPASS is an optional program available to municipalities. COMPASS allows citizens to perform passenger and conservation registration renewals via the Internet from home, libraries and other kiosks. Fees are collected via Master Card and Visa credit/debit cards. At this point, Lancaster has not signed on for this program.

Web Sites:

Town Clerk: townclerk@lancasternh.org

Department of Safety DMV: www.nh.gov/safety/dmv

Office of Information Technology: www.state.nh.us/technology/

Vital Records: <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As more fully described in Note 1, the general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Account Group, which should be included in order to confirm with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Asset Account Group is not known.

As described in Note 1, the Town has recognized tax revenues of \$385,278 in its General Fund which were not received in cash within sixty days of year end as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GASB Interpretation 3). Town officials believe, and we concur, that the application of this accounting principle, which would result in a decrease in the undesignated

General Fund balance from \$769,251 to \$383,973, would give a misleading impression of the Town's ability to meet its current and future obligations.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general purpose financial statements of the omission described in the third paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire as of December 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire, taken as a whole. The schedules listed as in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 9, 2004, on our consideration of the Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

May 9, 2003

Wachon, Anthony & Co., PC

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

For the Municipality of Lancaster

DEBITS	<u>Prior Levies</u>		
	<u>Levy for 2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002 & Prior</u>
<u>Uncollected taxes - beginning of year:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$0.00	\$473,302.80	\$2,833.76
Land Use Change:	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes:	\$0.00	\$3,462.35	\$0.00
Interest:	\$0.00	\$42.56	\$0.00
<u>Taxes Committed:</u>			
Property Taxes – 1 st Issue:	\$2,598,096.51	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Taxes – 2 nd Issue:	2,634,873.01	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplemental:	\$0.00	\$750.43	\$0.00
Land Use Change:	\$47,145.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes:	\$22,588.28	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gravel Taxes:	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Credit Balances:</u>			
Property Taxes – Prepayment:	\$72.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Taxes-Overpayment:	\$1,528.55	\$0.00	\$0.00
Refunds:	\$3,358.76	\$52,648.80	\$0.00
Interest Refund:	\$8.87	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Interest:</u>			
Interest – All – Late Tax:	\$5,105.48	\$19,763.65	\$240.68
LUCT Interest:	\$166.55	\$500.06	\$0.00
Penalties:	\$0.00	\$3,222.50	\$0.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$5,312,959.26	\$557,193.15	\$3,074.44

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

For the Municipality of Lancaster

		<u>Prior Levies</u>	
CREDITS	<u>Levy for 2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002 & Prior</u>
<u>Remitted to Treasurer:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$4,891,301.10	\$470,255.93	\$1,125.18
Refunded:	\$1,528.55	\$52,638.30	\$0.00
Interest Refunded:	\$8.87	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change:	\$43,561.66	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes:	\$11,738.81	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes – Refunded:	\$30.00	\$3,462.35	\$0.00
Gravel Tax:	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LUCT Interest:	\$166.55	\$500.06	\$0.00
Interest:	\$5,065.82	19,806.21	\$240.68
Penalties:	\$0.00	\$3,222.50	\$0.00
Prepaid:			
<u>Abatements Made:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$480.90	\$2,557.15	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Liens Deeded to Municipality:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$1,508.11	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest:	\$39.66	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Uncollected Taxes -</u>			
<u>End of Year:</u>			
Property Taxes:	\$343,110.42	\$1,250.65	\$1,708.58
Interest:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Land Use Change Tax:	\$3,583.34	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gravel Taxes:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes:	\$10,819.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$5,312,959.26	\$557,193.15	\$3,074.44

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Savage-Deputy Tax Collector
Joyce McGee - Town Manager/Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS**

Fiscal year Ended December 31, 2004
For the Municipality of Lancaster

DEBITS	<u>Current Year's Levy</u>	<u>Prior Levies</u>	
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002 & Prior</u>
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year:	\$0.00	\$82,969.68	\$91,185.01
Adjustment:			-\$19.23
Uncoll. Int. & Pen. At Beg of Year:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,607.17
Liens Executed During			
Fiscal Year:	\$142,312.79	\$0.00	\$0.00
Second Lien Commitment:	\$40.11	\$0.00	\$0.00
Refunds:	\$17.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest:	\$3,208.73	\$8,187.08	\$28,459.42
Penalties:	\$3,490.00	\$0.00	\$1,848.31
TOTAL DEBITS	\$149,068.63	\$91,156.76	\$123,080.68

CREDITS

<u>Remitted to Treasurer</u>	<u>Current Year's Levy</u>	<u>Prior Levies</u>	
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002 & Prior</u>
Redemptions:	\$48,377.82	\$29,195.69	\$40,450.36
Interest:	\$2,952.24	\$6,974.86	\$17,572.48
Penalties:	\$785.00	\$0.00	\$1,203.69
Abatements:	\$1,467.40	\$582.32	\$1,913.99
Penalties:	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$149.65
Refund:	\$17.00		
Liens Deeded to Municipality:	\$4,445.24	\$4,986.04	\$18,192.14
Interest:	\$256.49	\$1,212.22	\$11,848.13
Penalties:	\$230.00	\$0.00	\$403.72
Adjustments:	\$17.00		
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Yr.:	\$88,045.44	\$48,205.63	\$30,609.29
Unpaid Interest:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unpaid Penalties:	\$2,375.00	\$0.00	\$737.23
TOTAL CREDITS	\$149,068.63	\$91,156.76	\$123,080.68

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Savage – Deputy Tax Collector
Joyce McGee – Town Manager/Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WATER & SEWER ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

For the Municipality of Lancaster

DEBITS	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
Uncollected as of 12/31/03	\$36,233.64	\$28,291.29
Jobs	\$40.00	\$0.00
1st Half Commitment	\$140,409.15	\$101,264.02
Supplemental Commitment	\$40.50	\$112.50
2nd Half Commitment	\$140,415.85	\$130,537.72
Supplemental Commitment	\$56.70	\$87.75
Well Drilling - Supplemental	\$100.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$3,181.32	\$2,920.61
Refunds	\$95.47	\$8.35
Jobs	\$976.00	\$7,530.00
Adjustments	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prepaid - Overcharge	\$9.28	\$0.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$321,557.91	\$270,752.24

CREDITS		
Remittance to Treasurer	\$281,690.24	\$226,691.01
Jobs	\$976.00	\$7,530.00
Refunds	\$132.58	\$209.35
Interest Collected	\$3,181.07	\$2,920.61
Abatements	\$1,144.80	\$1,325.30
Jobs	\$0.00	\$0.00
Adjustments	\$0.00	\$0.00
Uncollected as of 12/31/00	\$34,392.97	\$32,075.97
Jobs	\$40.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.25	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$321,557.91	\$270,752.24

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Savage, Deputy Tax Collector
Joyce A. McGee, Town Manager/Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

For the Municipality of Lancaster

UTILITY ASSESSED VALUE - SUMMARY

Public Service of NH	\$6,108,110.00
Portland Pipeline Corp.	\$5,100,000.00
Total Utilities	\$11,208,110.00

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS GRANTED

Elderly Exemptions -2004	Actual Exemption Amt.
15 at maximum \$20,000	\$285,110.00
8 at maximum \$25,000	\$188,200.00
11 at maximum \$30,000	\$316,440.00
Total Elderly Exemptions	\$789,750.00

Veteran's Exemptions -2004	
7 at \$1,400	\$9,800.00
204 at \$100	\$20,400.00
Total Veteran's Exemptions	\$30,200.00

CURRENT USE REPORT

Total # Acres Receiving Current Use Assessment:

Conservation Restriction	1.25
Farmland	4,237.28
Forest Land	11,237.22
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	8,060.19
Unproductive	411.11
Wet Land	364.12
TOTAL ACRES	24,311.17

**TOTAL # OF PARCELS IN
CURRENT USE** **576**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted by the Board
of Selectmen:

David B. Stickney
Royce Hutchinson
Allan J. Carr

TAX YEAR 2004

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Value of Land Only	
Current Use	\$2,696,040.00
Conservation Restriction Assessment	\$190.00
Discretionary Preservation Easement	\$23,180.00
Residential	\$42,254,630.00
Commercial/Industrial	<u>\$15,298,780.00</u>
TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND	\$60,272,820.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	\$10,161,800.00
Value of Buildings Only	
Residential	\$99,591,570.00
Manufactured Housing	\$2,178,730.00
Commercial/Industrial	\$42,656,200.00
Discretionary Preservation Easement	<u>\$8,060.00</u>
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS	\$144,434,560.00
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	\$41,930,660.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES	<u>\$11,208,110.00</u>
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$215,915,490.00
Blind Exemption (3)	\$45,000.00
Elderly Exemption (34)	\$789,750.00
Solar/Windpower (2)	<u>\$6,290.00</u>
LESS AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS	<u>(\$841,040.00)</u>
NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	\$215,074,450.00
LESS PUBLIC UTILITIES	<u>(\$11,208,110.00)</u>
NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED	<u><u>\$203,866,340.00</u></u>

Submitted by: Joyce A. McGee
Town Manager/Tax Collector

NH Department of Revenue Administration
Community Services Division
Municipal Finance Bureau
P.O. Box 487
Concord, NH 03302-0487
(603) 271-3397

TOWN/CITY: LANCASTER Auditor's Initials: DNB Date: 11/05/2004

OVERLAY - Amount Raised for Abatements

RSA 76:6 limits overlay to an amount not to exceed 5% of the net tax commitment for the municipality, its statewide enhanced education amount and local school tax, its share of the county budget, and village district(s), if any. For your municipality, we anticipate that limit will be:

5% Limit	\$262,877.00	Requested Amount	\$30,000
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BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE RETENTION

General guidelines have been established by the financial community regarding the amount of modified accrual budgetary unreserved fund balance to retain. The former recommendations were to retain between 5% and 10% of the municipality's appropriations, plus the statewide enhanced education amount and the local school net tax commitment, plus the county appropriation. The Government Finance Officers Assoc. suggests you retain between 8% and 17%. Based on our best available information, the suggested levels would be:

5%	\$430,583.00	8%	\$688,933.00	10%	\$861,167.00	17%	\$1,463,984
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Your **budgetary unreserved fund balance** from the MS-5 is: \$769,251.00

The amount **voted** from "surplus" is: \$0.00

The amount used for RSA 32:11 **emergency**
Appropriation is: \$0.00

The amount you wish to use to **set tax rate:** \$69,251.00

The amount you wish to **retain** is: \$700,000.00

Signature of town/city official:

Joyce A. McGee

Title of town/city official:

Town of Lancaster, Town Manager

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Municipal Finance Bureau 2004 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: Lancaster

Gross Appropriations	4,869,082
Less: Revenues	3,375,289
Less: Shared Revenues	32,853
Add: Overlay	29,631
War Service Credits	30,200

Net Town Appropriation	1,520,771
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,520,771
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TOWN RATE
7.08

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0
Regional School Apportionment	5,301,819
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(2,467,175)
State Education Taxes	(534,591)

Approved School(s) Tax Effort	2,300,053
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**LOCAL
SCHOOL RATE**
10.69

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$3.33	
160,537,965		534,591
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
203,866,340		
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State		
Pay to State ⇌	0	

**STATE
SCHOOL RATE**
2.62

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	907,942
Less: Shared Revenues	(6,192)

Approved County Tax Effort	901,750
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COUNTY RATE
4.19

TOTAL RATE
24.58

Total Property Taxes Assessed	5,257,165
Less: War Service Credits	(30,200)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	5,226,965

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	2.62	534,591
All Other Taxes	21.96	4,722,574
		5,257,165



TOWN OF LANCASTER TAX RATES



<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STATE</u>
1963	\$4.82	\$1.95	\$2.61	\$0.26	
1964	\$5.35	\$1.79	\$3.27	\$0.29	
1965	\$2.90	\$1.10	\$1.57	\$0.23	
1966	\$3.80	\$0.98	\$2.63	\$0.19	
1967	\$4.64	\$1.28	\$3.14	\$0.22	
1968	\$4.64	\$1.31	\$3.08	\$0.25	
1969	\$5.08	\$1.32	\$3.51	\$0.25	
1970	\$5.12	\$1.51	\$3.34	\$0.27	
1971	\$5.90	\$1.44	\$4.19	\$0.27	
1972	\$3.57	\$0.87	\$2.53	\$0.17	
1973	\$3.66	\$0.84	\$2.63	\$0.19	
1974	\$3.93	\$1.08	\$2.70	\$0.15	
1975	\$4.10	\$1.04	\$2.90	\$0.16	
1976	\$4.55	\$1.27	\$3.07	\$0.21	
1977	\$4.60	\$1.02	\$3.29	\$0.29	
1978	\$5.30	\$1.27	\$3.83	\$0.20	
1979	\$5.45	\$1.36	\$3.75	\$0.34	
1980	\$6.03	\$1.60	\$4.09	\$0.34	
1981	\$6.27	\$1.56	\$4.24	\$0.47	
1982	\$7.37	\$1.97	\$4.82	\$0.58	
1983	\$7.92	\$1.43	\$5.90	\$0.59	
1984	\$7.26	\$1.22	\$5.46	\$0.58	
1985	\$6.78	\$1.27	\$4.88	\$0.63	
1986	\$7.07	\$1.43	\$5.07	\$0.57	
1987	\$6.52	\$1.88	\$3.82	\$0.82	
1988	\$17.05	\$5.46	\$2.33	\$9.26	Re-evaluation
1989	\$21.10	\$5.52	\$2.54	\$13.04	
1990	\$23.05	\$5.58	\$2.30	\$15.17	
1991	\$22.20	\$6.25	\$2.42	\$13.53	
1992	\$24.18	\$6.24	\$2.74	\$15.20	
1993	\$30.78	\$7.66	\$3.48	\$19.64	Trend Factoring
1994	\$30.34	\$7.63	\$2.93	\$19.78	
1995	\$30.34	\$7.63	\$3.24	\$19.47	
1996	\$32.10	\$8.15	\$3.50	\$20.45	
1997	\$34.85	\$8.22	\$3.86	\$22.77	
1998	\$34.85	\$8.20	\$3.91	\$22.74	
1999	\$26.70	\$8.87	\$3.98	\$7.01	\$6.84
2000	\$29.24	\$8.58	\$3.78	\$10.11	\$6.77
2001	\$29.50	\$8.65	\$4.13	\$9.98	\$6.74
2002	\$33.16	\$9.65	\$4.60	\$12.50	\$6.41
2003	\$24.58	\$7.69	\$3.36	\$10.19	\$3.34
2004	\$24.58	\$7.08	\$4.19	\$10.69	\$2.62

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION
P11-003	Town Hall, 25 Main Street Fire Station, 10 Mechanic Street Highway Garage, 16-18 Mechanic Street
P11-031	Police Station, 11 Mechanic Street
P11-026	Lancaster EMS Building, 19 Mechanic Street
P06-082	Weeks Memorial Library, 128 Main Street
R13-063	Water Treatment Plant, 300 Pleasant Valley Road
P06-051	Col. Town Recreation, 16 High Street
R13-031	Col. Town Community Camp, 38 Community Camp Road
R09-068	Transfer Station, 121 Water Street Main Pump Station, 60 Heath Street
R09-065	Lagoons & Chlorine Building, 140 & 150 Water Street
R10-065	Salt Shed & Reservoir, 106 Prospect Street
R01-019	Water Tank, Industrial Park Road
R01-017	Pump Station, 673 Main Street
P01-004	Pump Station, 458 Main Street
P07-070	Pump Station, 55-59 Middle Street
R11-055	Pump Station, 55 Grange Road Pump Station, Hartco Avenue Pump Station, North Road Pump Station, Indian Brook, Summer Street
P06-043	Wider Cemetery, Main Street
P06-070	Summer Street Cemetery, 89 Summer Street
R28-004	Martin Meadow Pond Cemetery, Martin Meadow Pond Road
P06-001	Centennial Park, Main Street
P06-048	Cross Park, Main Street
P11-035	Soldier Park, Main Street
P07-085	Drew Park, 109 Main Street
P07-004	Municipal Parking Lot, Main Street
P07-096	21 Summer Street
P07-120	Municipal Parking Lot, Bunker Hill Street
P05-058	Summer Street Cemetery Entrance
P07-001	School Street
P07-005	25 Park Street
P07-019	30 Park Street
P14-029	Holton Park
R01/010-015	Industrial Park

R01-048	Pines, Main Street
R04-006	Island in Israel River
R04-008	Main Street – B&M RR
R05-001	Town Forest, Causeway Street
R10-032	Riverside Drive
R11-056	Grange Road
R11-086	10 Grange Road
R12-032	118 Garland Road
R12-038	205 Garland Road
R26-027	111 Martin Meadow Pond Boat Access
R21-015	644 Elm Street
R11-037	Garland Road
R17-010-5	Reed Road
R17-010-8	Reed Road
P12-023	Riverside Drive (Ice Retention Dam)
P12-032	Riverside Drive

INVENTORY OF MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT

HIGHWAY

1965 Joy Compressor
1966 General Utility Trailer
1983 Homemade Utility Trailer
1985 Eager Beaver Roller SRH300
1985 Chevrolet 1-ton Flatbed Pickup
1989 Mobil Street Sweeper
1989 International Salt Truck
1990 Ford L8000 Dump Truck
1992 Bombardier Sidewalk
 Plow/Sander/Sweeper/Snowblower
1992 Compactor
1993 Homemade Cold Patch Trailer
1995 International Dump Truck
1995 Caterpillar 120G Grader w/Wing
1997 Case 621BXT Loader
2000 Mack Dump Truck
2001 Ford F550 4x4 Dump Truck
2003 John Deere 310SG Loader/Backhoe
2003 Power Eagle Pressure Washer
2003 White Lawn Mower
2005 International 7400 Dump Truck
 - 5000 Watt Generator

WATER & SEWER

1994 Power Jet Sewer Machine
1994 Trench Box
1995 Load Rite Trailer
2000 Ford F350 PU w/Mechanic's Body
2002 Muffin Auger Monster
2003 GMC 2500 Pickup
2003 Wells Utility Trailer

CEMETERY

1977 Kubota Backhoe
2003 Husqvarna Mower

TOWN OFFICE

2002 Ford Crown Victoria

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1930 Hose Cart
1934 Maxim Pumper
1952 Jeep Forestry Truck
1968 Thibault 100' Aerial Ladder Truck
1984 Snowcraft Trailer
1985 Chevrolet Blazer
1986 International Tanker
1988 GMC Rescue Van
1989 Spartan E-One Pumper
1994 Pace American 14' command trailer
1998 Freightliner Ambulance
1998 Ford E350 Mini-Modular Ambulance
2001 Ford E350 Mini-Modular Ambulance
2002 Cairns Viper Infrared Camera
2002 Polaris 6x6
2002 Rescue Sled Trailer
2003 Newman Pumper
 - 14' Flat Bottom Rescue Boat

TRANSFER STATION

1985 John Deere Loader 544C
1995 Bobcat Skidsteer
2000 Demogrinder
 - Balers (2)
 - Oil Filter Crusher
 - Waste Oil Furnace

POLICE

2003 Ford Crown Victoria – Cruiser
2004 Ford Crown Victoria – Cruiser

COL. TOWN RECREATION

1987 Ford Tractor
1992 Chevrolet CK1500
1999 Ford Explorer

TOWN OF LANCASTER, NH

Treasurer's Report

December 31, 2004

CASH ON HAND 01.01.2004

General Fund	\$1,592,859.25
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	52,447.13
Municipal Cemeteries	106,850.71
Municipal Cemeteries Equipment	2,962.91
Payroll Account	1,198.66
Trust Account	0.00

TOTAL CASH ON HAND 01.01.2004 **1,756,318.66**

RECEIPTS 2004

General Fund	\$8,306,714.72
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	12,853.60
Municipal Cemeteries	15,032.19
Municipal Cemeteries Equipment	14.93
Payroll Account	1,353,123.62
Trust Account	800.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 2004 **9,688,539.06**

EXPENSES 2004

General Fund	8,752,703.01
Motor Vehicle Waste Fees	19,718.18
Municipal Cemeteries	98,939.81
Municipal Cemeteries Equipment	0.00
Payroll Account	1,350,405.16
Trust Account	0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 2004
(10,221,766.16)

CASH ON HAND 12.31.2004 **\$1,223,091.56**

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann M. Huddleston, Treasurer

TOWN OF LANCASTER
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

SUMMARY OF REVENUES:

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Under</u>	<u>Over</u>
Taxes	\$140,136.00	\$5,586,821.84		\$73,103.55	(\$5,519,789.39)
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$249,261.00	\$288,307.54			(\$39,046.54)
Special Grants for Projects	\$27,950.00	\$202,946.12		\$25,000.00	(\$199,996.12)
Income From Departments	\$1,916,841.00	\$2,285,349.78		\$44,383.14	(\$412,891.92)
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$620,850.00	\$412,867.97		\$235,420.83	(\$27,438.80)
Fund Balance	\$69,251.00	\$69,251.00			
Total Revenues	\$3,024,289.00	\$8,845,455.25		\$377,907.52	(\$6,199,162.77)

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES:

General Government	\$813,945.00	\$1,137,911.13	\$12,662.86	\$43,545.55	(\$380,174.54)
Public Safety	\$881,241.86	\$830,936.77	\$697.65	\$49,607.44	
Highways & Streets	\$688,270.00	\$569,785.17	\$89,037.53	\$29,447.30	
Solid Waste, Water & Sanitation Depts.	\$1,138,650.00	\$1,122,432.30	\$14,360.91	\$21,916.32	(\$20,059.53)
Health Administration	\$57,610.00	\$56,280.53		\$1,329.47	
Welfare	\$43,200.00	\$50,877.10			(\$7,677.10)
Culture & Recreation	\$472,115.00	\$469,312.10	\$102.00	\$2,700.90	
Debt Service	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Capital Outlay & Special Projects	\$651,050.00	\$378,387.70	\$127,022.13	\$145,690.17	(\$50.00)
Capital Reserve Funds	\$123,000.00	\$113,135.00		\$9,865.00	
Interfund Operating Transfers Out	\$0.00	\$142,158.40			(\$142,158.40)
Payments To Other Governments	\$0.00	\$3,923,926.00			(\$3,923,926.00)
Total Expenditures	\$4,869,081.86	\$8,795,142.20	\$243,883.08	\$304,102.15	(\$4,474,045.57)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes	\$0.00	\$5,480,706.08			(\$5,480,706.08)
Property Taxes--Refunds	\$0.00	(\$57,858.36)		\$57,858.36	
Payment in lieu of taxes	\$23,136.00	\$46,667.56			(\$23,531.56)
Land Use Change Taxes	\$40,000.00	\$47,061.66			(\$7,061.66)
Yield Taxes	\$25,000.00	\$11,738.81		\$13,261.19	
Miscellaneous Taxes	\$2,000.00	\$16.00		\$1,984.00	
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	\$50,000.00	\$58,490.09			(\$8,490.09)
Total Taxes	\$140,136.00	\$5,586,821.84		\$73,103.55	(\$5,519,789.39)

Intergovernmental Revenues:

Shared Revenue Block Grants	\$40,329.00	\$79,374.00			(\$39,045.00)
Highway Block Grants	\$86,187.00	\$86,187.12			(\$.12)
State & Federal Forest Lands	\$2,784.00	\$2,784.30			(\$.30)
Railroad Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Rooms & Meals Tax	\$111,889.00	\$111,889.23			(\$.23)
Emergency Management	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Snow Event—December 2003	\$8,072.00	\$8,072.89			(\$.89)
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$249,261.00	\$288,307.54			(\$39,046.54)

Special Grants for Projects:

Fence/Water Treatment Plant	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00			
Pleasant Valley Road /Otter--2003	\$0.00	\$194,633.32			(\$194,633.32)
Fire Dept—Dry Hydrant	\$2,000.00	\$0.00		\$2,000.00	
Fire Dept—Class A Foam	\$0.00	\$1,225.00			(\$1,225.00)
CDBG—Feasibility Study/Water Street	\$12,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$11,000.00	
CDBG—Feasibility Study/Causeway St	\$12,000.00	\$0.00		\$12,000.00	
Police—Homeland Security	\$0.00	\$4,137.80			(\$4,137.80)
Total Special Grants	\$27,950.00	\$202,946.12		\$25,000.00	(\$199,996.12)

Income From Departments:

Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	\$545,000.00	\$539,584.00	\$5,416.00	
Town Clerk Fees	\$25,990.00	\$28,236.97		(\$2,246.97)
Town Office Revenues	\$12,100.00	\$14,946.08		(\$2,846.08)
Planning & Zoning	\$5,500.00	\$7,346.39		(\$1,846.39)
Police Department	\$21,144.00	\$22,962.40		(\$1,818.40)
Police Department – Lancaster Fair	\$24,800.00	\$24,876.43		(\$76.43)
Ambulance	\$322,270.00	\$303,130.67	\$19,139.33	
Health Department	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Fire Department	\$5,000.00	\$7,625.00		(\$2,625.00)
Highways & Streets	\$100.00	\$1,221.41		(\$1,121.41)
Solid Waste Disposal/Transfer Station	\$63,300.00	\$85,712.35		(\$22,412.35)
Pay-As-You-Throw Bags	\$70,000.00	\$74,747.50		(\$4,747.50)
Water Department	\$305,430.00	\$673,676.85		(\$368,246.85)
Sanitation Department	\$233,420.00	\$238,307.48		(\$4,887.48)
Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries	\$35,310.00	\$15,482.19	\$19,827.81	
William D. Weeks Memorial Library	\$5,750.00	\$5,767.06		(\$17.06)
Col. Town Spending Committee	\$241,727.00	\$241,727.00		
Total Income From Departments	\$1,916,841.00	\$2,285,349.78	\$44,383.14	(\$412,891.92)

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Insurance	\$14,000.00	\$9,861.51	\$4,138.49	
Interest	\$5,000.00	\$6,354.88		(\$1,354.88)
Notes & Bonds	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Sale of Town Property	\$25,000.00	\$51,083.92		(\$26,083.92)
Sale of Town Equipment	\$15,000.00	\$5,135.00	\$9,865.00	
Capital Reserve Funds	\$561,850.00	\$340,432.66	\$221,417.34	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$620,850.00	\$412,867.97	\$235,420.83	(\$27,438.80)

Fund Balance	\$69,251.00	\$69,251.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,024,289.00	\$8,845,544.25	\$377,907.52	(\$6,199,162.77)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES:

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>Under</u>	<u>Over</u>
<u>General Government:</u>					
Executive	\$65,910.00	\$65,596.45		\$313.55	
Election, Registration & Vital	\$40,010.00	\$38,644.67		\$1,365.33	
Financial Administration	\$205,755.00	\$190,911.19	\$4,024.15	\$10,819.66	
Legal Expenses	\$34,500.00	\$28,956.75		\$5,543.25	
Personnel Administration	\$266,380.00	\$261,322.11		\$5,057.89	
Project Impact	\$0.00	\$0.00			
EDA Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Fire Department Grant	\$4,000.00	\$9,622.19			(\$5,622.19)
Emergency Management Assistance	\$0.00	\$5,000.00			(\$5,000.00)
CDBG—Feasibility Studies	\$24,000.00	\$12,227.00		\$11,773.00	
Special Grants	\$2,600.00	\$362,490.70	\$7,260.79		(\$367,151.49)
Planning & Zoning	\$11,100.00	\$12,125.16			(\$1,025.16)
General Government Buildings	\$43,800.00	\$44,575.70	\$600.00		(\$1,375.70)
Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries	\$39,310.00	\$37,882.68		\$1,427.32	
Insurance & Bonds	\$64,940.00	\$56,916.53	\$777.92	\$7,245.55	
Advertising & Regional Association	\$11,640.00	\$11,640.00			
Total General Government	\$813,945.00	\$1,137,911.13	\$12,662.86	\$43,545.55	(\$380,174.54)
<u>Public Safety:</u>					
Police Department	\$419,405.00	\$404,279.84	\$697.65	\$14,427.51	
Lancaster Court Diversion Program	\$3,130.00	\$0.00		\$3,130.00	
EMS/Fire Department	\$456,980.36	\$426,323.63		\$30,656.73	
Safety Committee	\$1,726.50	\$333.30		\$1,393.20	
Total Public Safety	\$881,241.86	\$830,936.77	\$697.65	\$49,607.44	

Highways And Streets:

Highways & Streets	\$659,520.00	\$541,140.25	\$89,037.53	\$29,342.22
Street Lighting	\$28,750.00	\$28,644.92		\$105.08
Parking Meters	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Highways And Streets	\$688,270.00	\$569,785.17	\$89,037.53	\$29,447.30

Solid Waste, Water And Sanitation Departments:

Solid Waste Collection	\$23,215.00	\$24,030.00			(\$815.00)
Solid Waste--MSW	\$70,325.00	\$69,038.15		\$1,286.85	
Solid Waste--CD	\$155,260.00	\$174,504.53			(\$19,244.53)
Water Department	\$655,430.00	\$628,777.53	\$6,693.24	\$19,959.23	
Sanitation Department	\$234,420.00	\$226,082.09	\$7,667.67	\$670.24	
Total Solid Waste, Water & Sanitation Depts.	\$1,138,650.00	\$1,122,432.30	\$14,360.91	\$21,916.32	(\$20,059.53)

Health Administration:

Health Officer & Expenses	\$1,495.00	\$805.53		\$689.47	
Animal Control	\$1,800.00	\$1,160.00		\$640.00	
Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$54,315.00	\$54,315.00			
Total Health Administration	\$57,610.00	\$56,280.53		\$1,329.47	

Welfare:

Town Welfare	\$30,000.00	\$37,677.10			(\$7,677.10)
Community Action Program	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00			
North Country Elderly Program	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00			
Caleb Group	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00			
American Red Cross	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total Welfare	\$43,200.00	\$50,877.10			(\$7,677.10)

Culture And Recreation:

Col. Town—Water	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Col. Town—Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Skating Rink	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00			
Col. Town – Operating Expenses	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00			
Col. Town – Roof Replacement	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Col. Town Spending Committee	\$241,727.00	\$241,727.00			
Mt. Prospect Ski Club	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Park Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$2,506.17		\$2,493.83	
Patriotic Purposes	\$500.00	\$500.00			
Town Events	\$2,500.00	\$2,193.52	\$102.00	\$204.48	
Mt. Washington Regional Airport	\$2,460.00	\$2,460.00			
William D. Weeks Memorial Library	\$193,928.00	\$193,925.41		\$2.59	
Total Culture And Recreation	\$472,115.00	\$469,312.10	\$102.00	\$2,700.90	

Debt Service:

Long Term Notes & Bonds—	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Principal & Interest					
Interest--Tax Anticipation Note	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total Debt Service	\$0.00	\$0.00			

Capital Outlays & Special Projects:

Bridges Replacement—Mechanic Street	\$75,000.00	\$50.00	\$75,000.00		(\$50.00)
Landfill Closure	\$16,850.00	\$0.00		\$16,850.00	
Software Upgrade	\$38,000.00	\$19,317.17	\$17,910.00	\$772.83	
Perambulation	\$1,900.00	\$41.25	\$1,858.75		
H&S—New Truck w/Plow	\$112,000.00	\$102,140.00		\$9,860.00	
Solid Waste—Grapple Bucket	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00			
Portland Street Project	\$350,000.00	\$230,297.21	\$1,500.00	\$118,202.79	
Summer Street Project	\$46,000.00	\$15,246.62	\$30,753.38		
Weeks Memorial Library--Painting	\$8,000.00	\$7,995.45		\$4.55	
Total Capital Outlay & Special Projects	\$651,050.00	\$378,387.70	\$127,022.13	\$145,690.17	(\$50.00)

Capital Reserve Funds:					
CRF--Highway Department	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00			
CRF--Fire Department	\$35,000.00	\$25,135.00		\$9,865.00	
CRF--Town Re-Evaluation	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			
CRF--Landfill Close-out	\$0.00	\$0.00			
CRF--Town Hall Improvements	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			
CRF--Bridges	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00			
CRF--Police Department - Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			
CRF--Employees' Benefits	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			
CRF--Lancaster Sanitation Dept.	\$0.00	\$0.00			
CRF--Col. Town Spending Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00			
CRF--Weeks Memorial Library	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			
Total Capital Reserve Funds	<u>\$123,000.00</u>	<u>\$113,135.00</u>		<u>\$9,865.00</u>	
Interfund Transfers					
Out:					
Tax Lien Accounts	\$0.00	\$142,158.40			(\$142,158.40)
Tax Anticipation Note	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Total Interfund Transfers Out	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$142,158.40</u>			<u>(\$142,158.40)</u>
Subtotals	\$4,869,081.86	\$4,871,216.20	\$243,883.08	\$304,102.15	(\$550,119.57)
Payments To Other Governments:					
Coos County	\$0.00	\$907,942.00			(\$907,942.00)
White Mountains Regional School District	\$0.00	\$3,015,984.00			(\$3,015,984.00)
Total Payments To Other Governments	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$3,923,926.00</u>			<u>(\$3,923,926.00)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$4,869,081.86</u>	<u>\$8,795,142.20</u>	<u>\$243,883.08</u>	<u>\$304,102.15</u>	<u>(\$4,474,045.57)</u>

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER ON DECEMBER 31, 2004

Date Created	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Fund	Principal Beg. Bal.	Principal End Bal.	Interest Beg. Bal.	Interest End Bal.	Total P & I
1914	Lyman Blandin Fund	Benefit of Needy	\$66,988.15	\$66,988.15	\$19,880.20	\$19,523.14	\$86,511.29
1880	Cemetery Fund	Beautify Cemetery	198,673.64	199,073.64	1,755.30	2,130.16	201,203.80
1926	Helen W.C. Dennison Fund	Care of Cross Park	7,344.71	7,344.71	906.39	984.88	8,329.59
1932	Jas. L. Dow Fund	Beautify Parks & Streets	7,384.53	7,384.53	4,158.96	4,237.73	11,622.26
1910	Historical Trust	Compile History of Town	1,220.74	1,220.74	648.33	661.46	1,882.20
1915	Chapin C. Brooks Fund	Benefit of Lancaster School	7,332.89	7,332.89	2,245.13	1,323.61	8,656.50
1920	Emmons Smith Fund	Benefit of Needy	61,694.37	61,694.37	16,166.17	14,827.39	76,521.76
1918	G. M. Stevens Fund	Beautify Cemetery	192,210.07	192,210.07	1,698.34	2,060.92	194,270.99
1910	Library Trust	Benefit Weeks Library	24,140.60	24,140.60	213.31	258.88	24,399.48
1996	WMRHS Scholarship	Scholarship Fund	14,847.60	14,847.60	4,543.69	4,702.77	19, 550.37
Total Common Funds			\$581,837.30	\$582,237.30	52,215.82	\$50,710.94	\$632,948.24
1914	Lyman Blandin Fund	Benefit of Needy	\$15,345.81	\$15,345.81	\$43,410.31	\$43,991.07	\$59,336.88
1935	Monahan Trust	Benefit of Public Nursing	1,105.20	1,105.20	1,959.30	1,975.32	3,080.52
1926	Dennison Trust	Care of Cross Park	925.35	925.35	4,352.73	4,404.92	5,330.27
1880	Cemetery Trust	Beautify Cemetery	54,022.09	54,022.09	447.30	538.12	54,560.21
Sub-total			\$71,398.45	\$71,398.45	\$50,169.64	\$50,909.43	\$122,307.88
1975	C/R – Fire	Purch. Fire Equipment	*****	25,135.00	\$2,268.12	\$2,898.62	\$28,033.62
1980	C/R – Water	Purch. Water Dept. Equipment	36,579.39	36,579.39	4,433.92	4,733.76	41,313.15
1980	C/R - Sanitation	Purch. Sanitation Equipment	72,858.02	72,858.02	7,303.45	7,943.37	80,801.39
1980	C/R - Highway	Purch. Highway Equipment	117,755.17	43,615.17	5,139.86	6,590.68	50,205.85
1982	C/R - Ambulance	Purch. Ambulance	1,307.93	1,307.93	897.30	1,189.30	2,497.23
1987	C/R - Landfill Closeout	To Close Landfill	225,257.30	225,257.30	56,159.48	58,471.03	283,728.33
1987	C/R - Industrial Development	Bus & Industrial Development	71,584.66	71,584.66	57,454.38	58,636.95	130,221.61
1993	C/R - Town Hall	Town Hall Improvement	44,000.00	54,000.00	10,043.78	10,304.39	64,304.39
2001	C/R - PAYT Program	Pay As You Throw Program	20,000.00	20,000.00	588.53	792.07	20,792.07
2001	C/R - Weeks Library		15,000.00	12,004.55	130.47	256.22	12,260.77
2001	C/R - Col. Town Spending		22,500.00	22,500.00	155.54	378.55	22,878.55
1998	C/R - Bridges	Repair Bridges	105,645.07	130,645.07	24,417.39	25,516.61	156,161.68
1999	C/R - Town Revaluation	Future Revaluation	3,059.61	13,059.61	3,009.22	3,205.83	16,265.44
2002	C/R - Police Dept.	Future Costs of Equip & Bldg	10,000.00	15,000.00	41.36	141.36	15,141.36

2002	C/R - Employee Benefits		1,357.65	57.65	24.81	38.79	96.44
2004	C/R - Water - Portland St.		0.00	119,702.79	0.00	2,152.74	121,855.53
	Sub-total of Town C/R's		<u>\$746,904.80</u>	<u>\$863,307.14</u>	<u>\$172,067.61</u>	<u>\$183,250.27</u>	<u>\$1,046,557.40</u>
1984	WMRHS - Scholarships	Scholarships	\$12,610.58	\$12,610.58	\$99,832.21	\$94,145.93	\$106,756.51
1987	C/R - Forestry		18,930.04	18,930.04	17,113.88	17,470.12	36,400.16
1994	C/R - Bldg Repairs & Maint.	School Bldg Repairs & Maint.	75,082.48	111,499.23	401.51	1500.39	112,999.62
1998	C/R - School Plow Vehicle	Purch. Plow Equipment	20,896.08	30,896.08	284.66	579.18	31,475.26
1998	C/R - Road & Driveway Reprs	Road/Drive Repairs	26,000.00	12,135.00	3,517.68	3,687.17	15,822.17
	Sub-total School Funds		<u>153,519.18</u>	<u>\$186,070.93</u>	<u>121,149.94</u>	<u>\$117,382.79</u>	<u>\$303,453.72</u>
	GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS		<u>\$1,553,659.73</u>	<u>\$1,703,013.82</u>	<u>\$395,603.01</u>	<u>\$402,253.43</u>	<u>\$2,105,267.25</u>

REPORT OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Town welfare has provided financial assistance to families and individuals with identified and verified needs. The financial commitment by the Town has been helped with our work fair program as individuals participate in working their time off.

The amount spent this past year is as follows:

WELFARE ACCOUNTABILITY							
	Food	Rent	Fuel	Medical	Electric	Other	Total
January	\$135.00	\$3,164.00	\$0.00	\$238.79	\$255.11	\$0.00	\$3,792.90
February	\$50.00	\$2,711.00	\$20.00	\$309.55	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$3,130.55
March	\$110.00	\$2,091.74	\$0.00	\$17.99	\$63.75	\$65.00	\$2,348.48
April	\$115.00	\$1,580.19	\$0.00	\$841.22	\$178.7	\$10.00	\$2,725.11
May	\$160.00	\$926.35	\$0.00	\$72.59	\$205.36	\$0.00	\$1,364.30
June	\$135.00	\$1,090.00	\$0.00	\$793.43	\$536.46	\$30.00	\$2,584.89
July	\$255.00	\$1,840.00	\$40.18	\$271.02	\$146.05	\$723.70	\$3,275.95
August	\$85.00	\$3,744.00	\$19.60	\$99.97	\$435.09	\$0.00	\$4,383.66
September	\$30.00	\$3,600.26	\$0.00	\$10.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,640.88
October	\$45.00	\$2,353.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$651.65	\$0.00	\$3,049.65
November	\$15.00	\$3,136.92	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,351.92
December	\$150.00	\$3,586.00	\$180.00	\$112.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,028.81
Totals	\$1,285.00	\$29,823.46	\$459.78	\$2,767.99	\$2,512.17	\$828.70	\$37,677.10

Revenue	-8,565.80
Actual Expenditure	\$29,111.30

Once again in 2004, the Town was hit quite hard with assisting individuals with rent. However, with the reimbursements that have been received in 2004 this Department stayed within budget. A "Thank You" to those individuals who have paid back their assistance, it is very much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Joyce A. McGee
Welfare Director

STATEMENT OF BOND DEBT

WATER FILTRATION PLANT

4.5 percent

Amount of Original Note

\$2,000,000.00

Payable to Rural Community Economic Development

<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
June 2005	52,703.00	74,357.00
June 2006	55,075.00	71,985.00
June 2007	57,553.00	69,507.00
June 2008	60,143.00	66,917.00
June 2009	62,849.00	64,211.00
June 2010	65,678.00	61,382.00
June 2011	68,633.00	58,427.00
June 2012	71,722.00	55,338.00
June 2013	74,949.00	52,111.00
June 2014	78,322.00	48,738.00
June 2015	81,846.00	45,214.00
June 2016	85,529.00	41,531.00
June 2017	89,378.00	37,682.00
June 2018	93,400.00	33,660.00
June 2019	97,603.00	29,457.00
June 2020	101,995.00	25,065.00
June 2021	106,585.00	20,475.00
June 2022	111,381.00	15,679.00
June 2023	116,394.00	10,666.00
June 2024	120,638.00	5,429.00
	<hr/> \$1,652,376.00	<hr/> \$887,831.00 <hr/>

FIRE ENGINE

Amount of Original Note

\$50,000.00

Payable to Lancaster National Bank

<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
November 2006	\$10,000.00	\$955.36
November 2007	\$10,000.00	\$955.36
November 2008	\$10,000.00	\$955.36
	<hr/> \$30,000.00	<hr/> \$2,866.08 <hr/>

WILLIAM D. WEEKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Amount of Original Note

4.75 percent

\$650,000.00

Payable to: Rural Community Economic Development

<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
June 2005	13,682.10	28,060.90
June 2006	14,332.00	27,411.00
June 2007	15,012.77	26,730.23
June 2008	15,725.87	26,017.13
June 2009	16,472.85	25,270.15
June 2010	17,255.31	24,487.69
June 2011	18,074.94	23,668.06
June 2012	18,933.50	22,809.50
June 2013	19,832.84	21,910.16
June 2014	20,774.90	20,968.10
June 2015	21,761.71	19,981.29
June 2016	22,795.39	18,947.61
June 2017	23,878.17	17,864.83
June 2018	25,012.39	16,730.61
June 2019	26,200.47	15,542.53
June 2020	27,445.00	14,298.00
June 2021	28,748.63	12,994.37
June 2022	30,114.19	11,628.81
June 2023	31,544.62	10,198.38
June 2024	33,042.99	8,700.01
June 2025	34,612.53	7,130.47
June 2026	37,978.81	3,764.19
June 2027	39,782.81	1,960.19
June 2028	1,484.41	70.51
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	\$554,499.20	407,144.72

LANCASTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

2004 was another busy year for us. We had several members that completed and successfully passed their Emergency Medical Technician-Basic and First Responder classes. We also saw an increase in calls with a record 113 fire incidents.

We would like to congratulate John Wilkinson for being named EMS Attendant of the Year and Clarence Dingman for receiving the Lt. Donald White Fireman of the year award. Both of these awards were presented at the Fire Department Annual Dinner in December. Also recognized were Randy Flynn for his 25 years of service to the department, Dean Flynn, and Sam White for 15 years, Mike Kopp, Mike Bastian, Tina Rexford, Rose Horsler, and Steven Jones for 5 years of service.

We would like to thank the members and their families for the countless number of hours of dedicated service to the department. Without these people, we would not be able to provide the level of service that we have.

Members of the Lancaster Fire Department would like to thank all the members of the community for the support that you have given to the Department over the past year. We are honored to serve the community of Lancaster and are very proud of the Department that you have helped us to achieve.



Attendant of the Year: John Wilkinson



Fireman of the Year: Clarence Dingman

FIRE

Dep. Chief Samuel Evans
 Asst. Chief Daniel King
 Asst. Chief Gerald Berry
 Captain Kevin Whiting
 Captain Dean Flynn
 Lieutenant Michael Kopp
 Lieutenant Trevor Bates
 Michael Bastian
 David Chessman
 Peter Dickman
 Dana Flynn
 John Jackson
 MacGill James
 Dennis Patnoe
 Robert Platt
 Leon Rideout
 Dan Shultz
 Sam White
 Peter Whitney
 David Bennett
 Michael Currier
 David Fuller
 Jason Beaulieu
 Shawn Grover

FIRE & EMS

Chief Randy Flynn
 Captain Steven Jones
 Captain Stephen Robbins
 Captain Frank Brundle
 William Brown
 Nicole Currier
 Randy Rexford
 Clarence Dingman
 Kevin VanNorden
 James Fuller
 Sheryl Page
 Tim Page

EMS

Lieutenant Ronald Wert
 Donna Brown
 Charity Blanchette
 Kristen Jones
 Laurent Masse
 John Wilkinson
 Mike Dinardo
 Katey Rexford
 Andy Buteau
 Keri Grover
 Elkanah Masse
 Brenda Ruggles
 Rita Richardson
 Jim Santorello
 Sue Nile
 Zina Schmidt
 Rich Narducci
 Sean McCallister
 Jenifer Rexford
 Rose Horsler
 David Reynolds
 Chad Hudson
 Christina Bryant
 Claire Bourassa
 Ron Gill
 Tina Rexford
 Catherine Harriman
 Al Lambert

**EMS CALLS**

Medical	369
Non-emergency Transfers	115
Emergency Transfers	98
Falls	84
Motor Vehicle Accidents	75
Fire Standby	58
DHART/ME Lifeflight	28
Paramedic Intercepts	23
Public Assists	7
Snowmobile Accidents	5
Sliding/Snowboard Accidents	4
Intermediate Intercepts	3

FIRE CALLS

Structure Fire	12
Chimney Fire	6
Medical Assist	26
Wildland Fire	2
False Alarm	43
Carbon Monoxide	2
Gas Spills	5
Station Coverage	17

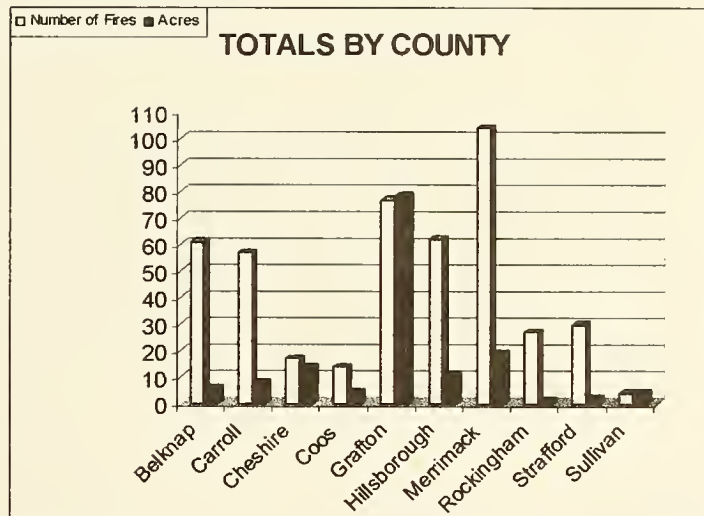
Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdfi.org.

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

2004 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	15
Campfire	41
Children	12
Smoking	19
Debris	201
Railroad	1
Equipment	5
Lightning	5
Misc.*	163 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

Total Fires Total Acres

2004	462	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

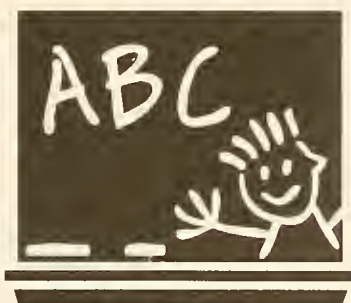
HEALTH OFFICER

The Health Officer is tasked with the responsibility for ensuring that the Town is protected from disease, pestilence, and other community health issues. To this end, the Town has appointed both a Health Officer and a Deputy Health Officer. We work with the Town's Emergency Management Department, the Fire Department's Emergency Medical Service and Weeks Medical Center to help prevent and treat disease as a result of a mass casualty or epidemic. We also try to help the residents of the town with health issues relating to Landlords and Tenants, and Neighbors.

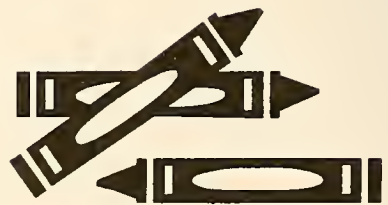
The Health Officer, Steve Robbins should be home from Iraq, where he has been stationed with the National Guard, sometime in the next few months.

Ronald Wert - Deputy Health Officer

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SAMPLE BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

To vote, fill in the square(s) completely next to your choice(s), like this: ☒

Write-In: To vote for a write-in candidate, write the person's name on the line provided and fill in the square.

NON-PARTISAN BALLOT TOWN OF LANCASTER, N.H. TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005

SELECTMAN:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

David B. Stickney ☐
_____ ☐

TREASURER:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Ann M. Huddleston ☐
_____ ☐

TOWN CLERK:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Jean E. Oleson ☐
_____ ☐

MODERATOR:

1 year. Vote for not more than one.

Paul D. Desjardins ☐
_____ ☐

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

_____ ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Diantha "Pidy" Rochefort ☐
_____ ☐

EMMONS SMITH FUND:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

_____ ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than one.

Michael W. Nadeau ☐
_____ ☐

COL. TOWN SPENDING COMMITTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than three.

Donna Bouthillier ☐
Marianne Cannon ☐
_____ ☐
_____ ☐
_____ ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

3 years. Vote for not more than three.

Richard J. Bernier ☐
Donald L. Crane ☐
_____ ☐
_____ ☐
_____ ☐

COL. TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Vote for not more than one.

Sarah C. Desrochers ☐
_____ ☐

SAMPLE BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

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ARTICLE 2

Town of Lancaster, New Hampshire

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

**Are you in favor of the adoption of the comprehensive revised Town of Lancaster Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?
(Recommended by the Lancaster Planning Board)**

YES ☐

NO ☐

See a copy of the completed proposed document at the town office and Weeks Memorial Library.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF LANCASTER
LANCASTER TOWN WARRANT
2005

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Coos, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified, to meet at the Town Hall in said Lancaster on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, at Eight O'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be open at said meeting place on said date from Eight O'clock in the forenoon to act upon Articles 1 and 2 by written ballot and will remain open until 7:00 P.M. for this purpose.

The business meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. at the above mentioned Town Hall to act upon the remaining articles.

ARTICLE 1: To choose One (1) Selectman for three (3) years; One (1) Treasurer for three (3) years; One (1) Town Clerk for three (3) years; One (1) Moderator for one (1) year, One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for Three (3) years; One (1) Library Trustee for three (3) years; One (1) Cemetery Trustee for three (3) years; One (1) Emmons Smith Fund Committee member for three (3) years; Three (3) Budget Committee Members for three (3) years; Three (3) Colonel Town Spending Committee members for three (3) years and One (1) Colonel Town Investment Committee Member.

ARTICLE 2: "Are you in favor of the adoption of the comprehensive revised Town of Lancaster Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?" (Recommended by the Lancaster Planning Board)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$87,450.00 – includes principal and interest)** for the purpose of purchasing a sidewalk plow and attachments, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$87,450.00 of long term notes or bonds in accordance with RSA 33, and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes or bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The first payment on this note or bond will be due in 2005 in the amount of \$30,000.00; this amount is included in the operating budget. (Voted on by written ballot after discussion – 2/3rds-ballot vote required). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00)** from the fund balance surplus to replace the roof at the Town Highway Garage. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or in two (2) years, whichever is sooner. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$4,100.00)** for the purpose of a Household Hazardous Waste Day. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$127,500.00)** to be added to the following Capital Reserve Fund accounts previously established for the purpose and in the amounts indicated:

Highway	\$ 40,000.00
Fire Dept.	\$ 20,000.00
Town Hall Improvements	\$ 10,000.00
Bridge Replacement	\$ 25,000.00
Revaluation	\$ 10,000.00
Police Dept	\$ 5,000.00
Colonel Town	\$ 10,000.00
Library	\$ 7,500.00
Total	\$127,500.00

This article is included in Article 26, the operating budget. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell certain Town owned property shown on tax map R 5 Lot 001 – approx. 260.10 acres (Town Forest). Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a portion of certain Town owned property shown on tax map P 7 Lot 19, known as 30 Park Street. Said property will be sold by the Town on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem prudent with cost of survey and land transfer to be borne by the purchaser.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00)** for the purpose of ADA upgrades to the bathroom in the Town Hall and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Town Hall Improvements Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** for the purpose of replacing the roof at the Police Station and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund created in 1982. Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to be deposited into the town's general fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)** from the fund balance surplus, said funds to be placed into the previously established Fire Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00)** to undertake the Water Hydraulic Engineering Project to increase water pressure for the Lancaster Water System and to expend said funds for the purposes of engineering, permitting, surveying, filing of applications for grants and other purposes associated with the project and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Lancaster Water Department Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** to purchase a new trash compactor with attachments and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the PAYT Program Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** for foundation work on the old section of the Weeks Memorial Library and to authorize the withdrawal and expenditure of said sum from the Weeks Library Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,200.00)** for the support of the Caleb Group (enhancing independent living). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00)** for the support of the North Country Senior Meals Program (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$.75 per capita (**Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars - \$2,460.00**) for the Town's share of the operating budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority for the current fiscal year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars (\$5,805.00)** for the support of White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00)** for the support of the local Tri-County Community Action Program office in Lancaster. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$230.00)** for the support of the North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$.50 per capita (**One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars - \$1,640.00**) for the support of the Northern Gateway Chamber of Commerce for the current fiscal year. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$1,225.00)** for the support of North Country Transportation for the establishment of a public transportation system in the Littleton-Lancaster corridor under a federal grant. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00)** for the support of North Country Transportation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** for the support of the Mt Prospect Ski Club. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Million Ninety One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$4,091,880.00)** which represents the operating budget. Said sum includes Articles 3 (consisting of \$30,000.00 first payment), 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14 & 15 but does not include any other Warrant Articles. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 27: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this
Thousand and Five.

day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two

/s/ David B. Stickney
David Stickney

/s/ Royce Hutchinson
Royce Hutchinson

/s/ Allan Carr
Allan Carr

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster, N.H.

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT ATTEST:

/s/ David B. Stickney
David Stickney

/s/ Royce Hutchinson
Royce Hutchinson

/s/ Allan Carr
Allan Carr

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lancaster, N.H.

Estimated revenues for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005
with Estimated and Actual Revenues of the Previous Year,
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004

Sources of Revenues	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 47,062.00	\$ 40,000.00
Yield Taxes	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 11,739.00	\$ 25,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 23,136.00	\$ 46,668.00	\$ 23,000.00
Other Taxes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 2,000.00
Int. & Pen. - Delinquent Taxes	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 58,490.00	\$ 50,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
Business Licenses & Permits	\$ 325.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 235.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 545,000.00	\$ 539,584.00	\$ 535,000.00
Building Permits	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 1,000.00
Other Lic. Permits & Fees	\$ 24,665.00	\$ 26,557.00	\$ 24,765.00
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenue	\$ 40,329.00	\$ 79,374.00	\$ 40,329.00
Highway Block Grant	\$ 86,187.00	\$ 86,187.00	\$ 92,403.00
State & Federal Forest Land	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 2,784.00
Railroad Tax	\$ -	\$ -	
Room & Meals Taxes	\$ 111,889.00	\$ 111,889.00	\$ 104,484.00
Grants & Projects	\$ 27,950.00	\$ 202,946.00	\$ 12,000.00
Emerg. Management/Snow Event 12/03	\$ 8,072.00	\$ 8,073.00	\$ -
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income From Departments	\$ 215,944.00	\$ 249,298.00	\$ 213,300.00
Other Charges (EMS)	\$ 322,270.00	\$ 303,131.00	\$ 301,640.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 56,219.00	\$ 2,000.00
Interest on Investments	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,355.00	\$ 6,000.00
Col Town - Cemeteries - Library	\$ 282,787.00	\$ 262,976.00	\$ 300,691.00
INTERFUND OPER. TRANSFERS IN			
Sewer	\$ 234,420.00	\$ 238,194.00	\$ 258,913.00
Water	\$ 655,430.00	\$ 673,790.00	\$ 333,283.00
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 561,850.00	\$ 340,433.00	\$ 47,000.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Proc from Long Term Notes & Bonds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Fund Balance	\$ 69,251.00	\$ 69,251.00	\$ 250,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$ 3,375,289.00	\$ 3,422,696.00	\$ 2,665,827.00
Total Appropriations (Excl. of Certain Warrant Articles)		\$ 4,091,880.00	
Less: Amt. Of Est. Revs. (Excl. of Taxes)		\$ 2,665,827.00	
Amt. Of Taxes Raised (Excl. of School & County)		\$ 1,426,053.00	

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LANCASTER, NH

Estimated expenditures for the Ensuing Year, January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005
with Estimated and Actual Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year,
January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

Purposes of Appropriation	Actual Approp. Current Year	Actual Expend. Current Year	Selectmen's Budget Ens. Fisc. Year	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ens. Fisc. Year Recommend Not Recommend	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Executive	\$ 65,910.00	\$ 65,596.00	\$ 65,500.00	\$ 65,500.00	
Elections, Registrations, & Vital Records	\$ 40,010.00	\$ 38,645.00	\$ 38,440.00	\$ 38,440.00	
Financial Administration	\$ 205,755.00	\$ 194,935.00	\$ 205,175.00	\$ 205,175.00	
Grants	\$ 30,600.00	\$ 28,561.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	
Safety Committee	\$ 1,727.00	\$ 333.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	
Legal Expense	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 28,957.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 32,500.00	
Personnel Administration	\$ 266,380.00	\$ 261,322.00	\$ 376,735.00	\$ 376,735.00	
Planning & Zoning	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 12,125.00	\$ 12,700.00	\$ 12,700.00	
General Government Building	\$ 43,800.00	\$ 45,176.00	\$ 45,855.00	\$ 45,855.00	
Cemeteries	\$ 39,310.00	\$ 37,883.00	\$ 39,335.00	\$ 39,335.00	
Insurance & Bonds	\$ 64,940.00	\$ 57,694.00	\$ 79,440.00	\$ 79,440.00	
Advertising & Regional Association	\$ 11,640.00	\$ 11,640.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police	\$ 400,535.00	\$ 380,486.00	\$ 400,565.00	\$ 400,565.00	
Fire/EMS	\$ 456,980.00	\$ 426,324.00	\$ 377,455.00	\$ 377,455.00	
Lancaster Fair	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 24,492.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER					
Airport Operations	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 2,460.00			
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
Highways and Streets	\$ 659,520.00	\$ 630,178.00	\$ 647,130.00	\$ 647,130.00	
Street Lighting	\$ 28,750.00	\$ 28,645.00	\$ 28,750.00	\$ 28,750.00	
Parking Meters					
SANITATION					
Solid Waste Collection	\$ 23,215.00	\$ 24,030.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 225,585.00	\$ 243,543.00	\$ 253,750.00	\$ 253,750.00	
Sewer Department	\$ 234,420.00	\$ 233,750.00	\$ 258,913.00	\$ 258,913.00	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT					
Water Services	\$ 655,430.00	\$ 635,471.00	\$ 333,283.00	\$ 333,283.00	
ELECTRIC					
Electric Operations					
HEALTH					
Administration	\$ 1,495.00	\$ 806.00	\$ 1,495.00	\$ 1,495.00	
Pest Control	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	
Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$ 54,315.00	\$ 54,315.00	\$ 15,710.00	\$ 15,710.00	

Purposes of Appropriation	Actual Approp. Current Year	Actual Expend. Current Year	Selectmen's Budget Ens. Fisc. Year	Budget Committee's	
				Appropriations Recommend	Ens. Fisc. Year Not Recommend
WELFARE					
Direct Assistance	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 37,677.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	
Other Programs	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 13,200.00			
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Col. Town/Parks & Recreation	\$ 272,727.00	\$ 270,233.00	\$ 288,106.00	\$ 288,106.00	
Library	\$ 193,928.00	\$ 193,925.00	\$ 199,743.00	\$ 199,743.00	
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,796.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
DEBT SERVICE					
Prin-Long Term Bonds/Notes					
Int.-Long Term Bonds/Notes					
Interst on TAN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Mach., Veh., & Equip.	\$ 115,300.00	\$ 105,440.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
Buildings	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,995.00	\$ 127,000.00	\$ 127,000.00	
Improvements other than Buildings	\$ 527,750.00	\$ 391,974.00	\$ -		
OPERATING TRANSFERS					
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 123,000.00	\$ 113,135.00	\$ 127,500.00	\$ 127,500.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 4,869,082.00	\$ 4,604,902.00	\$ 4,091,880.00	\$ 4,091,880.00	\$ -

LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

During 2004, the Police Department experienced staffing shortages. Beginning in January, two officers were activated by the United States Military. In March, an officer left Lancaster to work for another Police agency. In August, a part-time officer was activated by the military.

The staff shortages were a tremendous burden on the department. The remaining officers were required to work many hours of overtime to ensure that all shifts were covered.

During the year many attempts were made to hire qualified candidates. Because of the strict requirements to become a police officer, we did not fill all vacancies until December.

Two new full-time officers were hired in 2004.

Patrick Carr and Timothy Charbonneau

They will be required to complete the NH Police Academy during the 2005 year.

I am pleased to say that because of the dedication of the Lancaster Police Officers every shift was covered and at no time were Lancaster residents without police protection.

Many of the Prevention Programs offered by the Police Department did not happen in 2004. In 2005, we expect to increase the programs offered to the children of the Lancaster area.

The police department has joined the Police Activities League. This is a national Program that provides funding to its members. This funding must be used to provide educational and recreational programs to the youth of the area.

The committee has been formed as required by the National Police Activities League. The committee will determine what programs are needed and then work to establish them.

We will hold a Public Meeting and explain this program further as well as call upon residents to assist us.

I wish to thank the Lancaster residents and Town officials for supporting the Lancaster Police Department.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Animal	456
Assault	75
Bad Check	83
Burglary	33
Criminal Trespass	16
Prowler	224
Harassment	51
Domestic Violence	32
Untimely Death	05
Theft	213
Drugs	22
Sexual Assault	31
Possession of Alcohol	13
Public Intoxication	43
Family Abuse/Neglect	17
Warrant Served	168
Forgery/Fraud	15
Resisting Arrest	02
Reckless Conduct	19
Shoplifting	09
Criminal Mischief	92
Disorderly Conduct	20
Disobeying Police Officer	02
Breach of Peace	637
Criminal Threatening	20
Stalking	04

ACCIDENTS

Total Accidents	262
Accidents with Injuries	35
Fatals	0
Involving Animals	30
Hit & Run	11
Pedestrian/Bicycle	01

MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Driving While Intoxicated	23
Speeding	552
Unregistered Vehicle	108
Non-Inspection	155
Stop-Sign	17
Driving After Suspension	09
Following too Close	01
Conduct after Accident	02
Operating without License	09
Misuse Plates	02
Improper Operation	90
Reckless Operation	04
Improper Passing	06
Yellow Line	36
Passing School Bus	10
Defective Equipment	257
Parking Violation	35
Child Restraint	08
Open Container	03
Littering	07
OHRV Violations	11
Failure to Dim Lights	16

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

Motor Vehicle Warnings	604
Assist Motorist	257
Alarms Answered	202
Doors/Windows Opened	185
Assist Other Police	628
Breath/Blood Tests	33
Relays	52
Fires/Flood	18
Assist Other Agencies	3317
Missing Persons	21
Violation Protective order	09
Civil Papers	42

MEMBERS OF THE LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF EDWARD SAMSON
SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER ST CYR
CORPORAL WILLIAM COLBORN
OFC. PAUL H. HOOD
OFC. JASON DESROCHERS
OFC. PATRICK CARR
OFC. TIMOTHY CHARBONNEAU

PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS

OFC. MARIO AUDIT	OFC. MARTIN P. DRISCOLL
OFC. TERRENCE BEDELL	OFC. CHARLES HUNTINGTON
OFC. DANIEL VALDEZ	OFC. CHARLES LOCKHART

SECRETARY

WENDY HOUGHTON



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department would like to begin by thanking the voters of the Town of Lancaster for their continued support.

The Highway Department continued its endeavors to replace culverts in town. Twenty culverts were replaced. As part of the Main Street paving project completed by NH Department of Transportation, the Town's catch basins were in need of our attention. Twenty-one catch basins, frames & grates were replaced and others were repaired as needed.

Many people have expressed their appreciation at the new pavement on Middle Street, particularly where the railroad crossing is concerned. This project took several weeks to arrange and was truly a team effort. The results made all the planning worth it!

The Highway Department will continue its plans to shim roads in Town in 2005. During 2004, Lancaster experienced a significant rain storm on August 30 & August 31. This storm caused nearly two inches of rain to fall in a very short time period. As a result, Mt. Prospect Road, Reed Road, Wesson Road and Old East Road were completely washed out in portions. The Highway Department spent the next month repairing these roads by grading, bringing in new gravel and changing culverts as necessary. We appreciated your patience as we tried to get to each of you to address areas of damage.

You will notice new guardrail on Riverside Drive, the southern junction of routes 2 & 3, and Martin Meadow Pond Road. The Pleasant Valley Bridge was substantially completed in 2004. New "top coat" asphalt was laid on Garland Road. The Town has purchased the new plow truck which was authorized at Town Meeting in 2004.

As you can see, Highway had another busy & productive year.



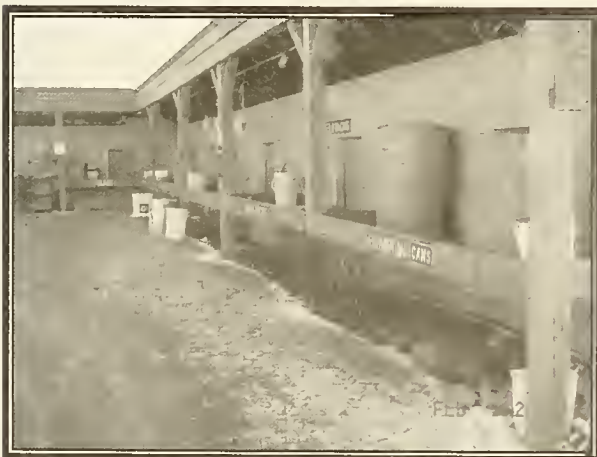
TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

The Transfer Station employees would like to thank all the people that do such a good job of recycling. The amount of recyclables that we processed at the Transfer Station has increased again this year.

Just a thought, think about how much room one milk jug, one two liter soda bottle, one pizza box, five newspapers or six soda or beer cans take up in one Pay As You Throw bag. Then think about how much money you would save in one year on bags and how it would help the Transfer Station's revenue and the environment for the children. Remember, you have to put them in a garbage bag or trash can anyway, why not a recycling bag or can? One 33 gallon town bag at \$1.50 per bag divided by 33 gallons equals 4.5 cents per gallon. Cost to not recycle one gallon milk jug at 4.5 cents per jug X 2 per week X 52 weeks per year equals \$4.68. Cost for you to recycle 104 milk jugs is \$0.00. Now think about all the other recyclables you throw in the town bag.

The improvements for 2004 included the purchase of a grapple bucket for the skid steer which has been a big help for baling cardboard and picking up demo. Paving the area in front of the recycling building and in front of the demo grinder has helped with the mud problem in front of the recycling building and eliminated the dirt problem at the demo grinder. We built new recycling tables at the recycling area and we also did a little remodeling in the recycling building that included enlarging the break area and making an office area for the computer because we do the billing from here. The recycling tables and the remodeling materials in the recycling building were paid for out of our five-cent can fund at no cost to the taxpayer. For the people who do not know about the five-cent can fund, we save out the five-cent cans and bottles. They are sold to a company that comes here to pick them up. This was something the employees wanted to try and it has worked out very well.

Here are some pictures of our improvements:



Our goals for 2005 are as follows:

1. Stay open until 5:00 PM on Thursdays and Saturdays.
2. Do some landscaping around the area.
3. Repair ceiling to prevent heat loss.
4. Purchase one trailer for bale storage.
5. Purchase a recycling trailer from the plastics grant.
6. Start an electronics-recycling program.

Here is a list of the items we recycle and the quantity we recycled in 2004.

• Cardboard	238.53 Tons
• Newspaper	41.77 Tons
• Low grade paper	105.60 Tons
• Tin cans	16.23 Tons
• Aluminum cans	2.25 Tons
• Plastic #1 PETE-SODA, HDPE-N, HDPE-COLORED	15.60 Tons
• Glass	140.00 Tons
• Tires	50.00 Tons
• Scrap Steel	255.53 Tons
• Scrap Aluminum	1.00 Tons
• Compost	48.00 Tons
• Shingles	101.00 Tons
• Textiles	10.00 Tons
• Paint	2.00 Tons
• Propane Tanks	2.00 Tons
• Fluorescent Bulbs	.50 Ton
• Batteries	2.00 Tons
• Antifreeze	1.00 Ton
Total Tons	1,033.01 Tons

This year the recycling rate for the products that went through our facility is 64%

Amount of M.S.W. shipped to Mt. Carberry Landfill in 2003	501 Tons
Amount of demo shipped to NCES Landfill in 2003	545 Tons
Amount of recycled items collected at the Transfer Station in 2003	1033.01 Tons

2004 M.S.W. BUDGET (P.A.Y.T.)

BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	\$70,325.00	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	\$65,694.66
BUDGETED REVENUE	\$70,000.00	ACTUAL REVENUE	\$74,747.50
COST TO TAXPAYER			-\$9,052.84

2004 C&D BUDGET (DEMO AND RECYCLING)

BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	\$155,260.00	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	\$173,121.72
BUDGETED REVENUES	\$63,300.00	ACTUAL REVENUES	\$85,712.35
COST TO THE TAXPAYER FOR DEMO & RECYCLING			\$87,409.37
COST TO THE TAXPAYER FOR MSW			-\$9,052.84
TOTAL COST TO THE TAXPAYER			\$78,356.53

COST AVOIDANCE BY RECYCLING 1,033 TONS x \$67.00 PER TON = \$69,211.00
PLUS TRUCKING COST OF \$14,326.00 = **\$83,537.00**

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Patnoe

WATER AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Lagoon Wastewater Treatment Facility

E.P.A. # NH0100145

During the year 2004, the Lancaster Lagoon Treatment Facility operated efficiently, we experienced no major State or E.P.A. violations and continue to discharge quality treated wastewater as required by National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements. In 2004, the Lancaster Wastewater Facility treated and discharged 312,980,000 gallons of treated wastewater to the Connecticut River with an average discharge rate of 857,479 gallons per day. The months of April and May proved to be the highest effluent flow. During the fall of 2004, vegetation around the embankments on the four, five acre lagoons was removed and disposed of; this allows for better circulation and mixing of the wastewater therefore improving treated efficiency.

Grange Wastewater Treatment Facility

E.P.A. #NH0101249

Year 2004 was yet another year of experimenting and searching for sources of infiltration into the facility collection system. We are still experiencing higher than normal flow rates, however every year we find and correct problem areas and have made great strides in remedying this issue. The Grange Wastewater Facility serves 14 residential homes and discharged 1,665,000 gallons of treated wastewater into Otter Brook with an average discharge rate of 4,562 gallons per day, the months of May and June with the highest flow.

Lancaster Water Treatment Facility

E.P.A. #1291010

In 2004, the Lancaster Water Facility produced an average flow rate of 450,000 gallons per day. The months of December and January were the most demanding. The average annual fluoride concentration was 1.51 mg/l and average chlorine residual was 1.53 mg/l. The Water Facility experienced no water quality violations and continues to monitor and test for sources of problems and concerns. We are continuously providing superior, reliable and safe drinking water to the consumers of Lancaster.

Respectfully Submitted

Timmy J. Bilodeau
Chief Operator

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Emergency Management Department is responsible for preparing for emergencies; Big Emergencies. We work with the State and Federal Emergency Management organizations to prepare for mass casualties due to natural or man-made causes. The Emergency Management Director works for the Town Manager and ensures that the Town Emergency Management Plan is kept up to date and practice with the various players. For smaller emergencies, the various Department heads take care of their own problems and ask for help as needed. It's when there is a need for massive planning and coordination that the Emergency Management Department gets involved. The rest of the players stay the same: The Police Chief, the Fire Chief, Public Works, Highway Department, Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster School, and any others we think need to become involved. We have recently completed the update of the Emergency Management Plan so that it conforms to the new State and Federal guidelines.

The Emergency Management Department exists and prepares for the unexpected disaster because "It's better to have it and not need it, than to need it and not have it."

Ronald Wert - Emergency Management Director

SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Town of Lancaster Safety Committee is responsible for identifying safety concerns in the workplace. The committee is comprised of employees from each of the Town's departments. This year's committee members were:

Police Dept.: Edward Samson
Fire/Ambulance: Steve Jones/Ron Wert
Water/Sewer: James Nolan
Transfer Station: Sue Nile
Col. Town: Blake Janney
Town Office: Mike Nadeau
Highway Dept.: Peter Roy
Secretary: Jean Oleson

During the year, the committee inspected the Town facilities and identified potential hazards that should be corrected.

The majority of the hazards was minor and corrected immediately. Other hazards would require major expense to repair.

It would be a huge expense to correct each of these concerns in a single year. Department heads are made aware of the safety concerns and in turn budget to fund the project.

The safety committee also is responsible for investigating on the job accidents/injuries. In doing so, it will be determined if there is a way to prevent such accidents/injuries from happening again.

The safety committee also schedules training for the town employees. The training teaches employees about work place safety and how to perform their duties in the safest manner.

Members of the committee would like to thank the Department heads and employees for their co-operation in keeping our workplace safe.

COL. TOWN RECREATION

The year 2004 was an exciting and busy time at Colonel Town. In an effort to improve the quality of our sports programs, Colonel Town became a member of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA), a division of the National Alliance for Youth Sports. The NYSCA is a membership organization and the most widely used volunteer coach training program in the nation, having trained more than 1.8 million coaches since its inception in 1981. Not only does this program provide training for coaches, but also teaches parents/players about good sportsmanship.

Our Safe Haven program experienced a significant increase in enrollment. It is truly astonishing to learn that there were more than 120 children who attended Safe Haven last year. Gerrie Scott and the rest of the Safe Haven staff worked closely with the directors to further integrate Safe Haven into Colonel Town's programs. Not all was smooth sailing, however. In September, Safe Haven was flooded to the point where the sheetrock had to be removed; the couches, rugs and mats needed to be replaced. A heavy duty check valve was installed to avoid future flooding problems. It seems that every time a need arises at Colonel Town, there are volunteers/donors who are willing and able to help. Someone donated two wonderful couches, and several public service workers participated in the United Way Day of Sharing by volunteering their time to repair the damaged walls, as well as creating shelving for the kitchen cupboards.



This year we worked hard to enhance the variety of our program offerings. Jackie Schanlaber, a certified personal trainer and group exercise instructor with a B.S. in Exercise Science, started a rigorous Adult Fitness program that still meets twice a week, and took over the role as our Gymnastics teacher. Maryrose Corrigan, a certified instructor, led two of our new youth programs: Sticky Fingers Goopy Class and Creative Cooking at Colonel Town. Children were able to make a mess and have lots of fun doing it! Another popular new addition to our schedule was Ballroom Dancing. Ron Sweet, formerly of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Knoxville, TN, started teaching dancers the Fox Trot, Waltz, Rumba, Tango, Swing, and Cha Cha.

The summer continued to be extremely busy at the pool, various day camps and trips. Due to the overwhelmingly popular demand, Teresa Berry hosted three Horse Camps, two for novice riders and one for advanced riders. Children who attended Trips Camp enjoyed trips to Six Gun City, Whale's Tale and The Big Adventure Center. Our trip to Montreal to watch the Expos play the Mets was very special – we took a coach bus, walked in a parade on the field, enjoyed box seats and \$1 hot dogs!

We were fortunate enough to have a group from AmeriCorps come to Colonel Town again for a week. The group worked diligently to make necessary repairs to get the pool ready for its June opening, painted the porch and basement, and repaired part of the playground. They also worked at the community camp rebuilding another grill site. This was the third year in a row we've had an AmeriCorps group visit. Without their efforts, many of these projects wouldn't have been completed.



The pool opened on schedule again this year, despite incurring startup problems. Ron Pelchat and Fitch Fuel worked very hard to solve each problem as it occurred. We had a great turnout for swimming lessons this year; the instructors gave approximately 380 lessons!! Colonel Town's swim team "The Sharks" went undefeated after competing in three swim meets. The pool, however, is still in really rough shape. There are cracks in the pool's plaster, the filtration system is

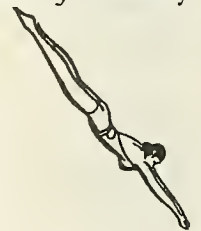
obsolete, the steps are disintegrating, and the pool shed is unsafe due to structural and electrical problems. Estimates we received to fix the pool and replace the pool shed are about \$700,000. The pool is a vital asset to this community and the surrounding towns – it is extremely important for our youth to learn how to swim and it's a great source of enjoyment on those really hot days. The Pool Fund Committee was diligent in kicking off a capital campaign to help fund this major project. We currently have raised \$102,000 through donations and fundraising events. Individuals/Businesses have also pledged an additional \$35,000 toward this project. It's a great start!



Maintenance improvements were made to the Community House and grounds. Truckloads of mulch were added to the playground to ensure children's safety. The electronic scoreboard was installed for "A" field in preparation of the Cal Ripken's New England Softball Tournament for ages 11-12. Shades were purchased for the gymnasium. Extensive wiring repairs were made in the kitchen and dining room. Major repairs were made to Safe Haven as a result of the flood damage.

It is encouraging and truly amazing to see great things happen through volunteerism and donations. An anonymous donor gave Colonel Town a beautiful red Ford Explorer. Children in Safe Haven have been collecting pennies for the Pool Fund. Children from the elementary school participated in a Walk-a-Thon, raising \$4,128 for the Pool Fund. Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank's employees paid \$1 each week to "dress down", raising \$806 to buy new tables for Safe Haven. Siwooganock Bank sponsored our basketball program to enable us to keep fees to a minimum. Public service workers volunteered a second time to complete a grill site at the Community Camp – they did a beautiful job! These are just a few examples of the special people and businesses who work behind the scenes to make Colonel Town successful.

It can't be said enough -- volunteers are crucial to our organization's successes. This year's Volunteer of the Year is awarded to Father Ray Ball. He cheerfully volunteered as the DJ for every one of our dances, including the Father/Daughter Dance. He has to set up his sound system, lights, fog machine, music, and pieces of equipment, then spends four hours bopping to music and entertaining the dancers, then has to pack everything up again to leave. Father Ray also helps Eddie with basketball clinics, camps, and is now coaching a travel team. In addition to volunteering at Colonel Town, he provides numerous activities for the area youth. Examples are paint ball, laser tag, flag football, street hockey, bowling, carnivals and other dances. Thank you, Father Ray, for all your hard work! His dedication to working with young people definitely personifies Lou Leaver's motto: "It's Not Me. It's Not You. It's Us!!!"



One company stands in the forefront for aiding Colonel Town in 2004. This year's Business of the Year is awarded to Gaynor-Knecht Associates. Whether it's during business hours or after hours, Sally and Stan Knecht are always willing to donate their time for various projects. They gladly make phone calls to players when there are game changes, cancellations, etc. The Knechts spent many hours chauffeuring players to travel team games and tournaments. They also went out of their way to help us purchase needed tables by using their business resources to get us a deal. Gaynor-Knecht Associates also made numerous monetary donations to Colonel Town. Thank you, Sally and Stan Knecht for your generosity!

In closing, we'd like to thank all the volunteers and coaches for another incredible year. Many of our programs, camps, intramural and travel teams couldn't survive without their commitment. Children benefit from the many positive experiences they incur while playing for these teams. You help make memories that will last!

Respectfully submitted,

Edward & Denise Wood, Directors

The Spending Committee:

Sharon Atkinson
Macgill James
Patti Rexford

Donna Bouthillier
Richard McGinnis
Jay Riff

Andy Cliche
Pat Payer
Trisha Rivard



Colonel Town Recreation
2004 BUDGET vs. ACTUAL
January through December 2004

	Jan - Dec 04	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
Community Camp	1,337.00	1,000.00	133.7%
Earned Discounts	69.62		
Fees			
Field Fees	350.00	400.00	87.5%
House Fees	1,316.00	1,000.00	131.6%
Non C/T Programs	2,930.57		
Pool Fees	17,511.73	18,000.00	97.29%
Program Fees	41,845.99	38,000.00	110.12%
Total Fees	63,954.29	57,400.00	111.42%
Fundraisers	2,662.40	4,677.00	56.93%
Interest			
Checking Interest	150.13	150.00	100.09%
Total Interest	150.13	150.00	100.09%
Miscellaneous Income			
Charitable Donations*	2,846.00		
Insurance - Flood Damage	8,710.16		
Pool Fund	1,377.00		
Snack Bar Income	5,955.24	6,500.00	91.62%
Vending Machine Income	851.00	750.00	113.47%
WC Refund	337.00		
Total Miscellaneous Income	20,076.40	7,250.00	276.92%
Safe Haven Income			
Safe Haven Tuition	82,475.45	62,000.00	133.03%
Total Safe Haven Income	82,475.45	62,000.00	133.03%
Town Funding			
Capital Exp/Operating Income	20,000.00	20,000.00	100.0%
Sewer	2,000.00	2,000.00	100.0%
Water	3,000.00	3,000.00	100.0%
Total Town Funding	25,000.00	25,000.00	100.0%
Trust Income			
Administrative - Allocation	49,167.73	46,600.00	105.51%
Campground - Allocation	1,302.46	1,234.43	105.51%
House/Grounds - Allocation	47,915.29	45,412.96	105.51%
Pool - Allocation	16,831.71	15,952.61	105.51%
Total Trust Income	115,217.19	109,200.00	105.51%
Total Income	310,942.48	266,677.00	116.6%
GROSS PROFIT	310,942.48	266,677.00	116.6%

Expense

Appropriations	100.00	100.00	100.0%
Audit Fee	750.00	750.00	100.0%
Automobile Expense	2,272.63	250.00	909.05%
Bank Service Charge	0.00	10.00	0.0%
Capital Expenditures	18,613.64	15,000.00	124.09%
Colonel Town's Cemetery Lot	122.00	125.00	97.6%
Community Camp Expense			
Electric	1,959.34	1,700.00	115.26%
Maintenance	1,072.12	1,500.00	71.48%
Reservations Refund	100.00		
Total Community Camp Expense	3,131.46	3,200.00	97.86%
Equipment	1,497.25	1,500.00	99.82%
Fuel	7,729.46	7,000.00	110.42%
Grant Expense	0.00	5,000.00	0.0%
Honeywell	8,346.65	7,900.00	105.65%
Insurance			
Disability Insurance	243.28	240.00	101.37%
Insurance – Health	21,445.62	17,875.00	119.98%
Insurance – Life	243.32	240.00	101.38%
Insurance – Work Comp	3,264.00	2,500.00	130.56%
Liability Insurance	3,681.42	2,600.00	141.59%
Treasurer's Bond	100.00	100.00	100.0%
Total Insurance	28,977.64	23,555.00	123.02%
Maintenance			
House and Grounds	2,175.01	2,000.00	108.75%
Mats/Carpet Cleaning	567.40	650.00	87.29%
Supplies	1,517.67	1,500.00	101.18%
Maintenance – Other	2,524.04	2,500.00	100.96%
Total Maintenance	6,784.12	6,650.00	102.02%
Office Supplies	1,852.57	2,000.00	92.63%
Payroll Expenses			
Payroll – Administration	36,651.10	36,500.00	100.41%
Payroll – Maintenance	28,110.64	24,000.00	117.13%
Payroll – Pool	17,489.76	18,000.00	97.17%
Payroll – Programs	6,345.30	6,700.00	94.71%
Payroll – Safe Haven	54,049.26	48,000.00	112.6%
Payroll Taxes			
Payroll Taxes – Administration	2,805.27	2,800.00	100.19%
Payroll Taxes – Maintenance	2,082.22	1,836.00	113.41%
Payroll Taxes – Pool	1,330.96	1,377.00	96.66%
Payroll Taxes – Programs	524.58	513.00	102.26%
Payroll Taxes – Safe Haven	4,139.69	3,672.00	112.74%
Unemployment	2,013.22	1,218.00	165.29%
Total Payroll Taxes	12,895.94	11,416.00	112.96%
Total Payroll Expense	155,542.00	144,616.00	107.56%

Pool Campaign	10,306.84		
Pool Donations CD	5,000.00		
Pool Expenses			
Chemicals	1,443.81	2,000.00	72.19%
Electricity	2,755.11	2,500.00	110.2%
Fuel	2,479.83	1,700.00	145.87%
Maintenance	2,140.60	3,000.00	71.35%
Programs	677.95	800.00	84.74%
Training	400.00		
Total Pool Expenses	9,897.30	10,000.00	98.97%
Postage and Delivery	368.55	225.00	163.8%
Printing and Reproduction	137.50	150.00	91.67%
Program Expenses			
Contract Services - Instructors	2,270.00		
Entry Fee for Trips	1,698.50		
Fees Held for Non C/T Programs	2,982.42		
Halloween Supplies	646.31	600.00	107.72%
Referees	2,252.50	3,500.00	64.36%
Refunds	673.00		
Supplies	2,003.92	2,000.00	100.2%
Travel Team	3,186.47	1,000.00	318.65%
Program Expense - Other	7,048.86	7,500.00	93.99%
Volunteer Gifts	886.31		
Total Program Expense	23,648.29	14,600.00	161.98%
Rec./Conf. Meetings	424.00	500.00	84.8%
Repairs			
Equipment Repairs	1,371.24	750.00	182.83%
Total Repairs	1,371.24	750.00	182.83%
Retirement	3,047.01	3,186.00	95.64%
Safe Haven Expenses			
Advertising	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Bad Checks Expense	147.00		
Equipment	39.75		
Food	1,006.48	510.00	197.35%
Petty Cash	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Supplies	790.08	150.00	526.72%
Telephone	483.62	450.00	107.47%
Total Safe Haven Expenses	2,466.93	1,310.00	188.32%
Snack Bar Supplies	3,067.01	3,000.00	102.23%
Telephone	1,920.80	2,000.00	96.04%
Trash	1,216.00	1,800.00	67.56%
Utilities			
Gas and Electric	5,092.08	5,800.00	87.79%

Sewer	1,587.20	2,000.00	79.36%
Water	3,468.75	3,000.00	115.63%
Total Utilities	10,148.03	10,800.00	93.96%
Vending Machine Supplies	900.50	700.00	128.64%
Total Expense	309,639.42	266,677.00	116.11%
Net Income	1,303.06	0.00	100.0%



Colonel Town Recreation
2005 PROPOSED BUDGET
January through December 2005

	<u>Jan - Dec 05</u>
Income	
Community Camp	1,200.00
Fees	
Field Fees	400.00
House Fees	1,000.00
Pool Fees	18,000.00
Program Fees	39,000.00
Total Fees	<u>58,400.00</u>
Fundraisers	5,736.00
Interest	
Checking Interest	150.00
Total Interest	<u>150.00</u>
Miscellaneous Income	
Snack Bar Income	6,500.00
Vending Machine Income	750.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	<u>7,250.00</u>
Safe Haven Income	
Safe Haven Tuition	76,170.00
Total Safe Haven Income	<u>76,170.00</u>
Town Funding	
Capital Exp/Operating Income	20,000.00
Sewer	1,500.00
Water	3,500.00
Total Town Funding	<u>25,000.00</u>
Trust Income	
Administrative - Allocation	46,600.00
Campground - Allocation	1,234.43
House/Grounds - Allocation	45,412.96
Pool - Allocation	15,952.61
Total Trust Income	<u>109,200.00</u>
Total Income	<u>283,106.00</u>
GROSS PROFIT	183,106.00
Expense	
Appropriations	100.00
Audit Fee	750.00
Automobile Expense	1,000.00
Capital Expenditures	15,000.00
Colonel Town's Cemetery Lot	164.00

Community Camp Expense	
Electric	1,700.00
Maintenance	500.00
Total Community Camp Expense	<u>2,200.00</u>
Equipment	1,500.00
Fuel	7,500.00
Honeywell	8,240.00
Insurance	
Disability Insurance	262.00
Insurance – Health	22,500.00
Insurance – Life	262.00
Insurance – Work Comp	3,064.00
Liability Insurance	2,900.00
Treasurer's Bond	100.00
Total Insurance	<u>29,088.00</u>
Maintenance	
House and Grounds	2,000.00
Mats/Carpet Cleaning	650.00
Supplies	1,500.00
Maintenance – Other	2,500.00
Total Maintenance	<u>6,650.00</u>
Office Supplies	2,000.00
Payroll Expenses	
Payroll – Administration	38,000.00
Payroll – Maintenance	29,000.00
Payroll – Pool	18,000.00
Payroll – Programs	7,000.00
Payroll – Safe Haven	53,500.00
Payroll – Taxes	
Payroll Taxes – Administration	2,907.00
Payroll Taxes – Maintenance	2,219.00
Payroll Taxes – Pool	1,377.00
Payroll Taxes – Programs	533.00
Payroll Taxes – Safe Haven	4,093.00
Unemployment	1,400.00
Total Payroll Taxes	<u>12,529.00</u>
Total Payroll Expense	<u>158,029.00</u>
Pool Expenses	
Chemicals	1,750.00
Electricity	2,500.00
Fuel	1,950.00
Maintenance	2,500.00
Programs	800.00
Training	400.00
Total Pool Expenses	<u>9,900.00</u>

Postage and Delivery	300.00
Printing and Reproduction	150.00
Program Expenses	
Entry Fee for Trips	1500.00
Halloween Supplies	600.00
Referees	3,000.00
Supplies	2,000.00
Travel Team	1,000.00
Program Expense - Other	7,500.00
Volunteer Gifts	600.00
Total Program Expense	16,200.00
Rec./Conf. Meetings	600.00
Repairs	
Equipment Repairs	750.00
Total Repairs	750.00
Retirement	3,435.00
Safe Haven Expenses	
Food	1,000.00
Supplies	600.00
Telephone	450.00
Total Safe Haven Expenses	2,050.00
Snack Bar Supplies	3,000.00
Telephone	1,500.00
Trash	1,500.00
Utilities	
Gas and Electric	5,800.00
Sewer	1,500.00
Water	3,500.00
Total Utilities	10,800.00
Vending Machine Supplies	700.00
Total Expense	283,106.00
	0.00

February 12, 2005

Report to the Citizens of Lancaster, Beneficiaries of the Col. Francis L. Town Trust:

In year 2004, the Trust's performance was mixed during the year, with 6 monthly gains offset by 6 monthly losses. The Colonel Town Trust had a market value as of 12/31/04 of \$3,292,612.59, up from \$3,186,015.66 as of 12/31/03. This represented an increase in market value of the Trust's principal for the year of only 3.35%. This increase reflects growth in the principal balance in the trust, with all income, less expense, having been distributed to Colonel Town Spending Committee during the year. However, the low interest rate market continues and as fixed income securities have matured, Charter Trust Company (the investment firm managing the Trust) has found it difficult to match the current yields locked in with older securities. As of 12/31/04, the Trust's portfolio is balanced at 57.0% Equities, 42.0% Fixed Income, and 0.9% Cash.

Total income for year 2004 was \$126,309.00, representing a total asset yield of 3.84% to ending market value as of 12/31/04. This is up from \$123,439.27 last year. Distributions in 2004 to the Col. Town Spending Committee totaled \$115,217.19, up from \$112,665.70 last year. Out of the total income generated came the following expense items: Charter Trust Commission (8% of Income) of \$10,086.33, NH State Filing Fee of \$75.00, Premium on Insurance Bond of \$400.00, Probate Court Cost of \$75.00, all totaling \$10,636.33 in expenses. This represents an expense on total assets of .3230% based on ending market value. There also was a balance of \$455.48 in the Money Market Funds at year-end which was not distributed in 2004.

The Investment Committee continued its meetings during the year to review the Trust's administration, and met with the investment management firm, Charter Trust Company. David Hill has resigned his position due to personal reasons. The committee wishes to thank Mr. Hill for all his years of service.

Looking ahead, Charter Trust expects to continue the current level of distributions to the Spending Committee during 2005, primarily due to the difficult interest rate environment. Total estimated annual income is \$121,051.46, which is \$5,257.54 less than the previous year. Out of this income will come the same expense items as noted above. We are still investigating management options to see if there are any ways to increase these distributions in future years, while preserving the Trust's earning power and principal for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER UNDER WILL OF FRANCIS L. TOWN
(COLONEL TOWN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE)

Roger Gingue, Chairman
Douglas Shearer, Treasurer
Dennis Merrow
Donald Crane
James Whithed
Hal Goolman

LANCASTER MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES

2004

The Trustees of the Lancaster Municipal Cemeteries oversee and maintain six cemeteries: Summer Street Cemetery (located across from the Col. Town field and at the end of Cemetery Street), Wilder Cemetery on Main Street (on the hill between the Methodist and Christian Science Churches), #10 Cemetery (located on Martin Meadow Pond Road), Marden Cemetery (located on North Road), a one-person lot (located on South Lancaster Road, and Wentworth Cemetery (located on Pleasant Valley Road).

David Currier, the supervisor and his new assistant, Jonathan Robarts did a very good job in maintaining all of the above cemeteries. We would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciations by thanking them for a job well done, and keeping our expenses down.

As usual, 2004 has been a very quiet year. At any time, if anyone should happen to see someone doing any inappropriate things, please call one of the Cemetery Trustees listed below. Or report the incident to the Lancaster Police Department immediately. We would greatly appreciate it.

As a reminder, every year, we usually request that the people remove the faded ornaments, dead flowers or plants, and other lawn decorations by May 1st in preparation for the clean-up for Memorial Day and the summer months. No dogs are allowed at any of the cemeteries. Rules and Regulations reports are available upon requests.

We have received many favorable comments about the condition of the cemeteries. We, as the committee, are proud of our cemeteries. We welcome any ideas and comments you may have, whether they are good or bad. And we also welcome any donation of flowers, bulbs and plants.

We had 16 regular and 14 cremation burials.

Respectfully submitted,

Cemetery Trustees

Joyce C. White
Ronald N. Bailey
Michael W. Nadeau

THE WEEKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Annual Report 2004

"Libraries are not made; they grow," English essayist Augustine Birrell wrote over a hundred years ago. The Weeks Memorial Library continues to do just that. When the addition to the 1906 building was finished in 1999, there remained a list of items still to be completed. A grant from the Gladys Brooks Foundation is making it possible to finish each of these items. Restoration of the original library reading rooms has already begun. Still to come, are the completion of shelving, air conditioning (for both books and people), and an automated door at the new south entrance. A book endowment, started with another gift from the Gladys Brooks Foundation, has grown, thanks to generous donations from the Lancaster Rose Quilters, the North Country Garden Club, and many individuals.

The library's collection of books, magazines, audio- and videotapes, and CDs numbers greater than 46,000 items. More than 300 New Hampshire town histories were given for the library's special New Hampshire Collection by Anne Morgan in memory of her mother, Marion Morgan, making Weeks Memorial Library the best source of New Hampshire history materials in the North Country. The Coos County Democrat from 1884 to date and vital records from the town office from 1769 to 1947 are now available on microfilm. Another public computer has been added to the original two, and broadband (wireless) service provides quick and easy access to the Internet. New comfortable chairs and benches in "library tapestry" have been purchased for the reading rooms in memory of Roy and Bea Merrow and Kathleen Calderon. In the Children's Room a school bus, puppet theater, and special reading area rug have joined the fire engine. In the spring, Celeste Pitts began to transform the walls with a nature mural. She will be starting a new section featuring Lancaster soon, and requests for particular buildings are being taken.



During 2004, more than 31,000 persons used the library, 32,500 items were circulated, and 3500 reference questions answered. The library sponsored 136 programs which 1891 people attended. 807 books were loaned to other libraries; 339 were borrowed for Lancaster patrons on Interlibrary Loan.

The services of the library are free for all Lancaster residents and taxpayers. Out-of-town individuals pay a pro-rated fee for the same privileges. Ideas, questions, and suggestions are always welcome so that the library will continue to grow and change in order to provide the best possible access to information for the residents of Lancaster.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

The Town of Lancaster reviewed and approved building permits for new buildings, additions, and renovations. The following is a summary of the permits:

PERMIT #	OWNER	LOCATION
04-001	David Rexford	218 Summer Street
04-002	Woodsville Bank	199 Main Street
04-003	Barbara Post	77 Bunker Hill Street
04-004	D'Amico Assoc, LLC	485 Prospect Street
04-005	Mt. View Baptist Church	183 Prospect Street
04-006	Peggy Evans	47 Williams Street
04-007	Timothy & Sara Markley	4 Pleasant Street
04-008	Carol Collins	344 Portland Street
04-009	Chad & Christine Crane	9 Arthur White Road
04-010	Arthur & Carolyn Barney	140 Portland Street
04-011	Cathleen Veach & Michael Buono	41 Achorn Hill Road
04-012	Todd & Olga Brown	306 Main Street
04-013	Timothy Phillips	12 Water Street
04-014	Tina Samson	125 Summer Street
04-015	Ronald Ingerson	176 Main Street
04-016	Lee Eastman, Jr.	off MMPd Road
04-017	PSNH	71 Mechanic Street
04-018	Steven & Deborah Turaj	315 Main Street
04-019	Keith Kopp	11 Kimball Drive
04-020	Bernard & Anne Choquette	134 Portland Street
04-021	Lancaster National Bank	One Middle Street
04-022	George E. Sansoucy	248 Main Street
04-023	George E. Sansoucy	248 Main Street
04-024	James Whithed	175R MMPd Road
04-025	Burt Gilbert & Susan Hartshorn	330 Portland Street
04-026	Burt Gilbert & Susan Hartshorn	330 Portland Street
04-027	James & Susan Shumard	31 McGary Hill Road
04-028	Adam Shumard	25 McGary Hill Road
04-029	John & Sandra MacKillop	43 Bunker Hill Street
04-030	John L. Riff, IV	42 Bridge Street
04-031	Benjamin Parsons	336 North Road
04-032	Stacey Gillespie & Alberta Charron	10 Mayberry Lane
04-033	Frank Savage	12 Middle Street

04-034	Steven & Dona Young	306 Portland Street
04-034A	Steven & Dona Young	306 Portland Street
04-035	Ray Dubreuil	67 Causeway Street
04-036	Robert & Debra Hinten	299 Elm Street
04-037	William & Corrine MacDonald	18 Brook Road
04-038	Lancaster Assembly of God	85 Portland Street
04-038A	Lancaster Assembly of God	85 Portland Street
04-039	Richard Harris	Main Street (Route 3N)
04-040	Lewis & Daphne Cassady	126 Portland Street
04-040A	Lewis & Daphne Cassady	126 Portland Street
04-041	Currier RV/Chevy	15 Bridge Street
04-042	Mario J. Audit	16 Wolcott Street
04-043	Jerry & Roberta DeMoras	47 Railroad Street
04-044	Eric & Mary Tina Marceau	33 Mary Elizabeth Lane
04-045	Charles String	Gore Road
04-046	Dennis Kelley	20 Park Street
04-047	Chad & Jeannine LaBounty	130 Stebbins Hill Road
04-048	Charles Martindill	525 North Road
04-049	Stephen & Marianne Voisine	4 Blackberry Lane
04-050	Currier RV/Chevy	15 Bridge Street
04-051	David & Cheryl Gauvin	41 Williams Street
04-052	Ronald Ingerson	176 Main Street
04-053	Karen Fass	54 Brook Road
04-054	Kenneth & Madeline Walker	Walker Drive
04-055	State of NH	629B Main Street
04-056	North Country Ford	57 Bridge Street
04-057	MER Entertainment LLC	44 Main Street
04-058	Richard Harris	708 Main Street
04-059	Country Village Healthcare Center	91 Country Village Road
04-061	Jude Gesel	180 Garland Road
04-062	Othot Realty, Inc.	127 Page Hill Road
04-063	Frank & Tanya Batchelder	13 Starr King Park
04-064	Lawrence Barker	59 Gore Road
04-065	James & Ann Marie Dubreuil	19 Wild Acres Drive
04-066	Charles, Mi Hwa & Elisa Bell	Wild Acres Drive
04-067	Patricia Every	4 Mayberry Lane
04-068	Stephen A. Druke	Mary Elizabeth Lane, Lot#1
04-069	John Pearson	29 Bunker Hill Street
04-070	Douglas & Nora Beaton	27 Canal Street
04-071	Colin Christie	97 Gore Road
04-072	Todd A. Brown	306 Main Street

04-073	Todd Chamberlain	96 Water Street
04-074	Reynold Addario	Elm Street
04-075	David & Linda Hutchins	229 North Road
04-076	David & Linda Rexford	7 Pine Haven Road
04-077	James & Ann Marie Dubreuil	North Road
04-078	John & Patricia Eddy	5 Blackberry Lane
04-079	Trevor & Mary Bates	11 Marshall Road
04-080	Daniel & Jessie Savage	480 North Road
04-081	Egidro & Joan Tramontozzi	196 Grange Road
04-082	Dana Flynn	20 Bridge Street
04-083	Joseph Gott	75 Portland Street
04-084	Timothy Savage	121 Elm Street
04-085	Jonathan Quay	245 North Road
04-086	John L. Riff, IV	42 Bridge Street
04-087	Mark Sisti	16 Park Street
04-088	Normand & Jacqueline Fortier	Portland Street
04-089	Chris & Ellen St.Cyr	46 Railroad Street
04-090	Eric & Valerie Johnson	91 Elm Street
04-091	Dorothy Kay Davis	86 Riverside Drive
04-092	Ben Southworth & Kirsten Scobie	354 Pleasant Valley Road
04-093	Traci Wagner & Walter Voigt	22 Pleasant Street
04-094	Dana & Sharon Robinson	282 Portland Street
04-095	Raymond Dubreuil	72 Causeway Street



PLANNING BOARD

The Lancaster Planning Board has had another busy year. The Board has continued to revise the Site Plan Review regulations and Building Permit procedures, as well as many hours working on the Zoning Ordinance and Map with the assistance of the Zoning Board and Selectboard. This year a separate building permit application was created for Residential usage to simplify the process. The Board reviews all commercial building permit applications before they are issued. The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month for the regular meeting and meets the fourth Tuesday to review additional building permits or for work sessions as necessary.

Please note that building permit applications must be filed before the building or foundation excavation is started! This includes new buildings, additions, and exterior renovations.

This year the Board held hearings on the following cases:

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| #579 | Aldine "Jack" Tillotson /Town of Lancaster, 11 Spring Street; Lot Line Adjustment | #594 | Burt Gilbert, 330 Portland Street; Go-kart track and building addition |
| #585 | Allen Bouthillier, Garland/Pleasant Valley Roads; Subdivision | #595 | White Mountain Maple Works, LLC, 20 Park Street; Lot Line Adjustment |
| #586 | Allen Bouthillier, Garland/Pleasant Valley Roads; Site Plan Review and Excavation Permit | #596 | Lewis & Daphne Cassady, Jr., 126 Portland Street; Construct a 2-apartment and 1-office building |
| #587 | Larry & Betty Brown, Route 135; 2-lot subdivision | #597 | Todd Brown, 306 Main Street; Building addition, greenhouse, and shed |
| #588 | Elwin & Claire Wright, Mt. Prospect Road; Lot Line Adjustment | #598 | Cathleen Veach, 41 Achorn Hill Road; Private Road Waiver |
| #589 | Bob Cummings, 485 Prospect Street -- Mt. Lake Campground; Construct 3 cabins on existing lots | #599 | Russell & Susan Dinallo, 14 Evergreen Drive; Voluntary Merger acknowledged |
| #590 | Richard S. Harris & Raymond Fregeau, 708 Main Street; Construct building as sales location | #600 | Beth Ann Morris And Jon Labrecque, 173 Grange Road; Lot Line Adjustment |
| #591 | Mountain View Baptist Church 183 Prospect Street; Building addition | #601 | David & Linda Rexford, 7 Pine Haven Road; Building permit on a private road |
| #592 | Public Service of NH; Tree Maintenance | #602 | Stacey Gillespie/ Alberta Charron, 10 Mayberry Lane; Private Road Waiver |
| #593 | Town Of Lancaster/ Larissa Cassady & Regina Lavoie, 28 Kilkenny Street; Lot Line Adjustment | #603 | Dennis Kelley, 20 Park Street; General store |

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| #604 | Charles Butson, 199 Main St. (Shaw's); Removal of parking area islands | #619 | Todd Brown & Roman Catholic Church, Main Street cemetery; Proposed subdivision – dismissed |
| #604b | Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, 199 Main St.; Building Permit - office renovations | #620 | Kevin McGee, 22 Woodcrest Lane; 2-lot subdivision |
| #605 | Ronald Ingerson, 176 Main Street; Partial change of use to Fitness Center | #621 | David Brown, 482 Prospect; 2-lot subdivision |
| #606 | Thomas & Cathy Dubreuil, 500 North Road; Revocation of Lot Line Adjustment | #622 | Kelley's Auto Supply, 461 Main Street/ Daniel Benoit, 250 Summer Street; Lot Line Adjustment |
| #607 | David & Gwen Krailo, 194 Grange Road; Proposed private pond | #623 | Jan Surridge – Universal Mortgage, 5 Bunker Hill Street; Change of use to office space |
| #608 | Eric Marceau, 33 Mary Elizabeth Lane; Private Road Waiver | #624 | Hartshorn/Ripley, Rowell Road; Lot Line Adjustment |
| #609 | Currier Chevrolet, 15 Bridge Street; Proposed showroom | #625 | David Clark, Jr. & Peter Clark, Martin Meadow Pond Road; 2-lot subdivision |
| #610 | Gwendolyn Haspel & Linda Brelage, 140 Elm Street; 2-lot subdivision | #626 | P.J. Noyes Co., Inc., 79 & 89 Bridge Street; Voluntary Merger acknowledged |
| #611 | Gary Parrott, Route 3 North; Voluntary Merger acknowledged | #627 | Forbes Farm Partnership, Elm Street; Voluntary Merger acknowledged |
| #612 | Stephen Wooster-Goodwin, 239 Elm Street; Voluntary Merger acknowledged | #628 | Allan Forbes, Sr. & Forbes Farm Partnership; Voluntary Merger acknowledged |
| #613 | Richard S. Harris & Raymond Fregeau, 708 Main Street; Building addition | | |
| #614 | Patricia Every/ Ombudsman Educational Services, 4 Mayberry Lane; Alternative learning center | | |
| #615 | Dana & Sharon Robinson/Daniel & Jessie Savage, 480 North Road; Change of use to general merchandise store | | |
| #616 | Alexis Moser, 574 North Road; 3-lot subdivision | | |
| #617 | James & Ann Marie Dubreuil/ Thomas & Cathy Dubreuil, 20 Brook Road; 2-lot subdivision | | |
| #618 | Aldine "Jack" Tillotson, 11 Spring Street; Lot Line Adjustment | | |

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

In 2004, the Zoning Board of Adjustment held 11 hearings, heard 16 cases and had several work sessions to amend the Zoning Ordinances. These amendments will be voted on by written ballot during polling hours on March 8th, Annual Town Meeting Day. In addition to these meetings the Zoning Board met several times in joint meetings with the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen to work on changes to various documents.

In February, the Zoning Board was notified that CAP withdrew its request for a rehearing (Phoenix Project).

In August of 2004, the Zoning Board voted unanimously to develop a policy to allow an applicant to continue working without issuing a cease and desist order for violations of setbacks that are less than 10% for the reason that the Zoning Board of Adjustment feels that they shouldn't inhibit the continuation of construction. The board also voted unanimously to reject CROP zones. The board was concerned that CROP zones would give the select board the right to make something agricultural that is residential or something residential into commercial. Another concern is that if a business knows it may get a tax break it would "hold it over the head" of the town until the break is given.

- Case #426** McDevitt Trucks, Inc./Lead Mountain LLC for a special exception concerning article 6, section 6.03 & 6.13 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests three additional building-mounted signs totaling 50 (fifty) additional square feet of signage. Tax Map R4 Lot 31. **GRANTED**
- Case #427** Burt Gilbert for a variance concerning article 5, section 5.04(k) of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to construct and operate a "go-kart track" on property zoned agricultural. Tax map R24 Lot 23-1. **GRANTED with the condition that the noise level does not exceed any State Laws for noise levels pertaining to "go-karts".**
- Case #428** Chad Crane for a variance concerning article 5, section 5.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to build a 28' x 24' two bay garage 2 feet from the side boundary line (40 foot side setback) and 56 feet from the center of Arthur White Road (50 foot front setback from edge of the right-of-way). Tax Map R13 Lot 25. **GRANTED**
- Case #429** Carol A. Collins for a variance concerning article 5 section 5.04(a) of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests a variance from the front 50-foot setback as required in the Agricultural Zone. Tax map R24 Lot 29. **GRANTED**

- Case #430 Dorothy Kay Davis for a variance concerning article 5, section 5.04(a)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to site a 60' x 28' double wide mobile home with full basement 20 feet from the side boundary line (40 foot side setback) and 66 feet from the center of Riverside Drive (50 foot front setback from edge of the right-of-way). Tax Map P12 Lot 22. **REQUEST WAS DENIED**
- Case #431 Glendon Dow/Glendon's Chowder House for a special exception concerning article 6, section 6.13 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests permission for a 4' x 4' sign. Total signage for Tax Map P7 Lot 3 would be in excess of 50 square feet. **GRANTED**
- Case #432 Lewis & Daphne Cassady for a variance concerning article 5.04 section k of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to construct a multi-unit dwelling (two efficiency apartment units and one office unit) in an area zoned agricultural. Applicant request to operate a commercial plumbing business in an area zoned agricultural. **GRANTED**
- Case #433 Steven & Dona Young for a variance concerning article 5, section 5.04 (a)(1) of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to site a 24' x 28' garage 33 feet from the edge of Route 2 in an area zoned agricultural, which requires a 50-foot front setback. Tax Map R24 Lot 13. **GRANTED**
- Case #434 F.B. Spaulding for a special exception concerning article 6, section 6.03(b), 6.10(3), 6.13 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests an 8x4 freestanding sign in the Commercial/Industrial district. Free-Standing signs in this district cannot exceed twenty-four square feet. Tax Map R1 Lot 6. **GRANTED for a temporary sign for 5 years or when the new building is erected and a permanent sign permit is granted (whichever comes first).**
- Case #435 Christies Maple Farm/Colin Christie for an area variance concerning article 5, sections 5.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to build a 30'x 24' garage 10 feet from the rear setback (40 feet required in the agricultural zone). Tax Map R19 Lot 33. **GRANTED**
- Case #436 Todd Chamberlain for an area variance concerning article 5, sections 5.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to build a 12'x16' front porch approximately 47 feet from the front setback (50 feet required in the agricultural zone.) Tax Map R9 Lot 58. **GRANTED**
- Case #437 Daphne & Lewis Cassady Jr. for an area variance concerning article 5, sections 5.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to build a 40' x 80' building approximately 46 feet from the edge of the right-of-way (front setback requires 50 feet in the agricultural zone). Tax Map R10 lot 59. **GRANTED**
- Case #438 John Lane Jr. & James Whithed for an area variance concerning article 5, sections 5.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to build a 32'x 20' new camp approximately 8 feet from the front setback (50 feet required in the

agricultural zone) and approximately 10 feet from the side setback (40 feet required in the agricultural zone). **GRANTED.** Motion for rehearing was brought before the Zoning Board in November. The Zoning Board unanimously voted to ignore the motion. The case has been appealed to the Superior Court.

Case #438A John Lane Jr. & James Whithed for an Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements pursuant to RSA 674:33-a. Request was dismissed without prejudice.

Case #439 Dana & Sharon Robinson for a use variance concerning article 5, section 5.04 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to operate a new and used furniture store in an area zoned agricultural. Tax map R19 lot 2-8. **GRANTED with the following condition: there will be no more than 1000 sq. ft of exterior display area allowed as indicated on the map and submitted by Daniel Savage. Note: by adding the condition the board has addressed use variance criteria #5 -- by limiting the display area the use will not diminish surrounding property values.**

Case #440 John L. Riff, IV for an area variance concerning article 5, section 5.02 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant requests to build a 12' x 8' porch 7 feet from the front setback (15 feet required in the commercial zone). Tax Map P4 lot 5. **GRANTED.**

The Zoning Board consists of five full members and four alternatives. All members are volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Jean Oleson, Clerk for the Zoning Board, resigned as of 12/31/2004. A special welcome to Lyndall Demers who will now be taking the minutes for the Zoning meetings. The Zoning Board meets on the last Wednesday of each month, when required, at 6:30 PM in the second floor of the Town Hall. If you are interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, please contact the Town Office at 788-3391. Your name will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Savage, Chairman
James Hammond, Vice Chairman
Leon Rideout
Millard "Sonny" Martin, Jr
Allen Bouthillier

George "Skip" Sancoucy Alternate
Lewis Cassady, Alternate
Joan "Pipp" Wiese, Alternate
Colin Sutherland, Alternate

Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers
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The Caleb Group, a not-for-profit organization, which was established in October of 1995, continues to provide services to older adults in 8 northern NH communities. Caleb's heartfelt mission is to enhance independent living for the elderly, infirm and homebound by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and the fostering of caring communities.

The year 2004 was an exciting time for Caleb, a time of change, a very busy year. At the beginning of the year, The Caleb Group spun off from its parent organization, The Caleb Foundation of Swampscott, Massachusetts and became its own stand alone not-for-profit. The name changed from The Caleb Group to Caleb Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, or as we are now known The Caleb Caregivers. During the last few months of 2004, many wonderful volunteers helped renovate office space in the Astle Building, located across from the Common in Whitefield. On January 12, 2005, Caleb officially moved from the Highland House Apartments to its new office in the Astle Building. Caleb Caregivers is hoping that with this move, the organization will be more visible to the public. Caleb will be holding an Open House/Annual Meeting on March 22, 2005 from 7:00-9:00pm. We hope you can join us.

In 2004, Caleb Caregivers assisted more than 270 Bethlehem, Dalton, Groveton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Littleton, Twin Mountain and Whitefield seniors. Caleb's 100 active volunteers donated over 3,800 hours and drove over 30,000 miles to help their older neighbors remain independent! Without these dedicated volunteers, Caleb would not exist. These volunteers give their time, their talents and most of all their hearts. Transportation to medical appointments, and for running errands, is one of the most requested services. Caleb volunteers provide other services as well; friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, help with chores, paperwork and light housekeeping are to name a few. Caleb volunteers also assist with various community programs, such as the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. This State program is available, every other month, to NH seniors that are 60+, and that financially qualify. Caleb volunteers help distribute this food to elders, who are totally homebound. Caleb Caregivers is still working in conjunction with Shaw's of Littleton. Shaw's provides the day old bread and Caleb volunteers deliver it to seniors in the various communities. Caleb continues to work with The Above the Notch Humane Society of Littleton, and Companion Animal Care of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, regarding Caleb's Pet Food Project. Since this project began, in October of 2002, Caleb has given out over 3 tons of **FREE** pet food/litter to help seniors feed their

pets! Last but not least, Caleb still provides training for seniors who want to learn how to use computers. Without the various services that Caleb provides, many older adults who need just a little extra help to continue living independently, might have had to go into a nursing home.

There are no fees for the services that are provided by the Caleb Caregivers. The program is funded through grants, fundraising, donations and generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. We want to thank the residents of Lancaster for their support and for making it possible for us to continue to provide these much needed services to the area's elders. The \$3,200 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated, and we ask for your continued support in 2005.

Volunteers are always in great demand, so if you would like to become a volunteer, request a volunteer, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please call the Caleb Office at 837-9179, or contact anyone on the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

BOBBIE GAUDES

Executive Director

Board of Directors

Carl Rod, President-Jefferson

Myra Emerson, Treasurer-Lancaster

David Glover, Clerk-Whitefield

Eleanor Brauns-Twin Mountain

Rev. Cliff Vendt-Whitefield



ANNUAL REPORT 2004 CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have considered issues as wide-ranging as the future of hydro dam ownership and status of boating law enforcement on the river to economic development initiatives in the valley. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region.

In 2004, the Commissions sponsored a major study of the river's behavior from Pittsburg to Gilman, to better understand the reasons for erosion and how the river moves through its valley. CRJC also stimulated a water quality assessment of the entire 275 miles of river shared by New Hampshire and Vermont. The NH Department of Environmental Services and the Environmental Protection Agency led the study to bring reliable information to those using the river and planning for its future.

With the support of the four US Senators from NH and VT, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including grants for a stream study of the Stevens River, several river access and recreation projects, and natural resources inventories for Colebrook and for the Waits River headwaters.

CRJC support efforts to safeguard natural, agricultural, and historic assets of the valley, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in ten "waypoint communities" along the Connecticut River Byway, including Lancaster. This year, after consulting with town officials, we won a federal grant to provide signage for each of the byway communities, and created a video about the river valley, "Welcome to the Heart of New England." CRJC provides coordination for the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net

We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site at www.crjc.org for a calendar of meetings, useful information and links, and our newsletter, *River Valley News*.

Dr. Robert Christie, Connecticut River Commissioner

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ANNUAL REPORT – 2004
Riverbend Subcommittee
Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year the Riverbend Subcommittee updated the Recreation chapter of our *Connecticut River Management Plan* with a close look at a variety of recreation-related issues in our region, especially the need for more access for small boats. We helped stimulate a state study of water quality in the Connecticut River after discovering gaps in information on the safety of the river for swimming, fishing, and boating.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river, including advice to the State of New Hampshire on development in the Lancaster Industrial Park and improvements to the Haverhill-Bath Covered Bridge and Monroe-Barnet Bridge. We also raised concerns about the portage around the breached Wyoming Dam that led to a CRJC grant to ensure a safe portage trail with fencing and signage.

We encourage all towns in our region to review our current *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection. Heavy rains can send sediment from land clearing and removal of riverside vegetation into tributaries, demonstrating the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room. All riverfront landowners should be aware that the state wide Shoreland Protection Act applies to the Connecticut and Israel's Rivers. Contact the town office for more information.

The Riverbend Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, on the fourth Thursday evening of every other month, usually at the Littleton Community House. More information, including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan* is on the web at www.crjc.org/localaction.htm.

Ron Wert and Bill Allin, Lancaster Representatives

We would be happy to make this report available electronically: please email contact@crjc.org

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

I would first like to thank the members of the Conservation Commission for their participation and interest in protecting the natural resources of the Town. While each of us has our own specific interests, we share a common interest in helping the properly owners of the town stay out of trouble with the State and Federal EPA's and trying to preserve the environment.

We meet monthly at the Lancaster Fire Department's Ambulance Bay the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. We love to have visitors so feel free to drop by any time. As always, we are looking for good people who are interested in the environment who would like to be part of the Commission. If you are interested, please contact the Town Office at 788-3391 or any member of the Commission.

Ronald Wert - Chair

Allan Carr

Robert Christie MD

Paul Crane

David Rexford

Traci Wagner MD

HERITAGE TRAIL COMMITTEE

The New Hampshire State Heritage Trail is a 230 mile walking path from the Massachusetts border to Canada. The 12 mile Lancaster portion of the trail starts at the Dalton town line on Martin Meadow Pond Road and ends on Page Hill Road at the Northumberland town line. Maps are available at the town hall, the information booth and several businesses.

The Heritage Trail exists, in large part, by the gracious consent of many landowners. The committee and the town extend our thanks to them. Some even help maintain the trail that crosses their property. Please respect their land as you would all private property.

Work on the Heritage Trail in 2004 included:

- ❖ Concrete block steps in the embankment at River Road
- ❖ A rail added to the plank bridge crossing the brook at the beaver pond
- ❖ Two large attractive signs to indicate the beginning and end of the Heritage Trail at the Page Hill end
- ❖ A sign giving permission for Heritage Trail users to cross private property along Causeway Street
- ❖ A number of additional Heritage Trail markers and arrows
- ❖ The usual maintenance and clearance

We need and welcome volunteers of all ages to improve and maintain the trail. The committee meets during the late spring, summer, and fall on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Lancaster Library, but call (802) 892-1026 to be sure of any particular month. The trail is a valuable asset to the town. Those of us who hike are glad to give something back for the hours of enjoyment we find in the woods.

Our thanks to the Town Clerk's Office for issuing our monthly reports.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

Richard Robinson, chairman



COOS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT

Like much of economic development work, progress is a one step forward, two steps back process. Still CEDC has made strides in town and the county in the past year.

The first, shining example in Lancaster is the first Industrial Park development. F B Spaulding's owners have stepped forward and, though slowed by permitting, plan to begin construction in the spring on its new facility.

Not only will they add life to the park but as part of the agreement, they will bring water and sewer services to the park entrance and their site. These infrastructure costs will be discounted from the selling price of the lots they purchased, a fairly common practice in building out public developments when funds were not advanced for the purpose. This allows subsequent lot buyers to build on to the infrastructure, again keeping the town's costs minimal.

Ultimately, traffic and use of the park will increase due to its new, found visibility and F B Spaulding will launch new and more profitable operations that will grow the Lancaster tax base and local job market, the original goals of developing the industrial park.

In mid-December, the state's petition to place a telecommunications tower atop Mt. Prospect was heard in Probate Court. Subsequent hearings were scheduled and the resolution is still being discussed. Meanwhile, CEDC has made strides in working towards a wireless transport system for bringing affordable, high-speed bandwidth into the western and northern sections of the county. Though Mt. Prospect is an optimal location for such high-elevation transmission facilities other alternative sites are being explored and engineered.

Preliminary discussion has begun with Lancaster business people and CEDC staff about downtown development and redevelopment focused on traffic calming, parking sufficiency and retail business expansion. All of the dialogue takes a tax base-building approach and seeks a blend of private and public funding, grants, and community involvement to succeed.

One last note, the Lancaster Loan Fund and Guarantee continues as the backbone for several key downtown businesses (Rialto Theater, Glendon's, Scorpions, Moments of Splendor) and remains available for other business start-ups and expansions as well.

CEDC expects to learn, by the New Year, if it will be awarded \$99,000 in small business loan funds from the Rural Development Administration of USDA. We continue to explore other collaborations within the community and the region to help diversify the economy, expand the tax base and improve the standard of living.

Please contact us for more information at your convenience.

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GREAT NORTH WOODS WELCOME CENTER

In spite of higher gasoline prices the Welcome Center had a busy season. Many of our visitors are repeats from year to year, they find it a warm friendly place with a wealth of information. They feel comfortable leaving their vehicles in the lot and exploring the town. We hear many remarks about Lancaster, one of the most frequent is how refreshing to a town without big box stores. Our small businesses have a wealth of interesting items and the customers are welcomed by attentive clerks.

Although our building is in good repair, there are things that need to be done to make it safer and more attractive. A grant has been awarded to the Center for the purpose of doing just that, it will allow for painting, more lighting, landscaping, parking lot repair and small improvements to the interior. It cannot be used for maintaining the building, staffing, utilities, etc. As soon as the money is received the work will begin and the area will become a more attractive addition to the town.

The Center is important not only to tourists but to the townspeople as well. We have information about what is happening in the area, entry forms for certain events, Fair information, where and when to pick your own produce. We serve the newcomers to the area by providing information about schools, medical care, services, recreational facilities, child care and other topics important to new families in town. It would be nice to be open year around but it is not feasible. Funds for staffing are entered in the Town Budget each year and voted upon at Town Meeting, as has been the custom for many years. No money other than to provide staffing during the summer and fall seasons is received from the Town.

NORTHERN GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Town Report

The Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce serves thirteen towns in the area to include: Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Groveton, Northumberland, Randolph, Stark, Stratford, Twin Mountain, and Whitefield in NH, and Gilman, Guildhall, and Lunenburg in VT. We have 130 member organizations in this area and are still growing.

Your chamber's goal is to support the economic development of the area and the businesses in the area. We do this by promoting the regional economy and all it has to offer to businesses, residents, and visitors. Specifically, we promote the area and our member businesses with:

- A website that draws an average of 5,300 hits per month (www.northerngatewaychamber.org)
- Publication of the *Gateway to the Great North Woods* magazine, a 32-page publication designed to draw tourists to our area. We print and distribute 50,000 "Gateways" to welcome centers, hotels, dining, and recreational establishments. We also post the magazine to our website, for thousands more to view and print.
- Publication and distribution of an area Relocation Guide, designed to assist those interested in moving to the area. We print 500-600 of these highly targeted 32-page guides.
- An ad in New Hampshire's primary tourist magazine distributed by the state's department of tourism.
- A window box display in the Lincoln Welcome Center (a heavily visited center in the White Mountains)
- A new Chamber Gift Certificate Program designed to keep local dollars coming to our local member businesses. Banks in our service area sell the certificates for \$10 each and they are honored at a number of businesses.
- An annual Small Business Expo that draws over 200 people a year to see what's new with the local businesses and to attend free informational workshops.

In addition, we continue to increase our numbers as businesses discover the value of the exclusive benefits that come with membership including bulk mailing; scholarship opportunities from the College of Lifelong Learning; a bi-monthly newsletter containing business news, marketing tips, and other information affecting our businesses; brochure inserts; sponsorships; free business listings; free use of the chamber's mailing list; and other benefits.

All of this is accomplished with a paid part-time Executive Director and an all-volunteer board consisting of Pam Remick (President), Karie Davis Bennett (Secretary), Joyce McGee (Treasurer), Gloria Brisson, Cindy Campbell Normandeau, David Fuller, Jerry Hite, Scott Howe, Barbara Peaslee-Smith, Sally Pratt, and Cindy Robert.

The chamber derives its financial support from membership dues, fundraising activities, and town appropriations. Continued support through these resources ensures that we are able to market and therefore grow our local businesses and our local economy. As always, we thank the local businesses and residents for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Bartlett, Executive Director

On behalf of the Northern Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

MOUNT WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT

2004 Annual Report to Towns

December 2004



The Mount Washington Regional Airport has operated since the middle of the last century as a resource for business and recreational fliers. The airport is continuing to generate more traffic, thanks to its convenient location in a growing region of the state, strong volunteer efforts to build the operation and run the facility, and an increased interest in general aviation, both locally and throughout the country. Growth is being driven, as well, by contributions from communities in the area, support from state and federal officials, and approval by Whitefield voters to back a major expansion and safety enhancement program.

Thanks to this regional support, coupled with work done by the airport volunteers and our engineering consultant, the airport will embark on a 600-plus-foot runway extension and safety improvement project in 2005. Design work is underway, and construction should be completed by fall.

Ninety-five percent of costs for this \$2.7 million project are funded by a grant the airport successfully sought and received from the Federal Aviation Administration. Money comes not from general tax dollars, but from fees paid by commercial aviation users as they fly throughout the country. The remaining costs are split evenly between New Hampshire's Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division and the sponsoring organization. Voters in the Town of Whitefield generously voted in 2004 to fund the nearly \$70,000 local share of the project, in recognition, I believe, of the strength a viable airport can bring to the region.

The expansion project will offer much-anticipated exposure to the airport among business fliers and charter operators, as it will extend the runway to more than 4,000 feet, a threshold considered by these users as they decide where to fly. At the same time, the extension increases safety at the airport by providing a longer takeoff and landing surface, which insurance companies consider as they assess the risks to airplane owners wishing to base planes at an airport. This will allow more business-oriented aircraft to be based in the North Country, which in turn should increase traffic and generate greater revenues locally.

2004 saw major capital improvement projects at the airport, with the construction of a brand new, 6,400 square foot, heated hangar and the expansion of another hangar owned by an aircraft maintenance and repair facility on the property – all at no cost to the airport itself. Discussions are underway for construction of at least one more hangar – and perhaps more – over the next year or so. Given the location, it is important to fliers – both those based here and those visiting – to have a

shelter from the elements. For this reason, we intend to pursue further hangar development as we are able.

Fuel sales were up markedly in 2004, compared to 2003. This resulted from increased traffic by pilots and businesses based in the North Country, as well as more visits by those from other areas. The frequency of private charter flights seem to be on the rise, bringing tourists, business people, developers, buyers and other visitors to the region.

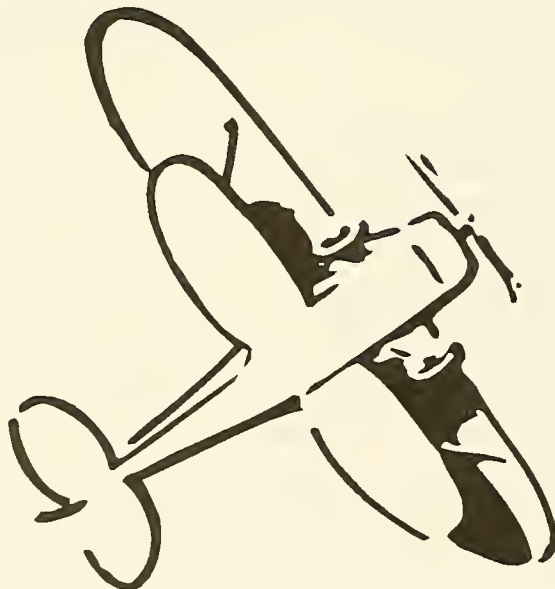
Also, the airport purchased a used courtesy vehicle in the fall, which we make available by appointment to visiting pilots. We know local restaurants and other businesses already have hosted travelers who arrived at their locations in our airport minivan... and we expect many more to do so in the future. We also received generous donations from local businesspeople of a new airport sign that greets arriving pilots and an industrial fire extinguishing system, which we hope we will never have to use.

The airport is always looking for ways it can work to better serve residents and businesses in the area. We also welcome contributions of time or other resources from those who are so inclined. If you have comments, questions or good ideas, or if you'd like to get involved with the airport as a volunteer, please call 837-9532. We'll be sure to get back to you promptly.

Sincerely,

Dave Willis, Chairman

www.mountwashingtonairport.com





North Country Council, Inc.

107 Glessner Road

Bethlehem, NH 03574

December 2004

This has been another busy year at the Council. As we began our 31st year as a Planning Commission, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve community and regional needs.

Over the past year we have expanded our capabilities based in response to our communities needs. We have added additional capacity in grant writing and grant administration by the addition of an assistant planner and we continue to expand the capabilities of the staff by encouraging all of them to continue their education and training. Three of our planners recently received their ACIP certification. We continue to work in the areas of community planning, solid waste management, forest planning, resource planning, transportation planning, and others. If you would like to see our complete annual report you can go to www.nccouncil.org or you can request a hard copy from North Country Council. I hope you will take the time to look it over and give us some feedback as to where you think the Council could improve and how we might better serve our communities.

In the coming year, we will intend to continue to improve our capabilities and service in our core areas and have taken on some projects that will continue these goals. We have been awarded a "Brownfield's Assessment" grant from EPA which we began working on in late 2004. This grant will inventory and assess petroleum contamination sites throughout the region which will allow the communities in which these sites are located to understand costs of mitigating the contamination and potentially procure funding for them. We completed the regional housing needs assessment update at the end of 2004 and in the coming year will continue to work on updating our regional plan. 2005 will be another busy year.

I would like to thank you for all of your support for the Council and hope that my staff and I can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community needs. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted;

Michael King

Executive Director

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE AGENCY, INC.
TOWN OF LANCASTER
2004

Home care is critical to serving the growing health care need of this country. North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency makes it possible for hundreds of people a year to continue their lives at home. Recognizing that clients and their families have special requests and routines, we coordinate all aspects of our clients' care with a keen respect for individual needs. In working with families we discover what is important to the client - their independence, their ability to determine their own future, their right to say, "thanks, but no thanks." It is in the respect of our clients' values and expectations that have earned us a reputation for providing exceptional health care services.

North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency relies on Town support and individual donations to help underwrite the cost of providing home care services to people with limited or no health benefits. Because of your generosity and support, North Country Health and Hospice continues its 33-year tradition of responding to the home health and hospice needs of North Country residents.

As we struggle to deal with the difficult and time consuming issues facing home care today, the staff of North Country Health and Hospice Agency wants to thank you for your continued support so vital to helping people in your town be assured of continuing quality medical care at home.

Explanation of Services:

Skilled Services – shorter hospital stays and new technology allow many treatments to be done in the home, provided and administered by skilled professionals, such as nurses and therapists.

Supportive Care Services – home health aides, homemakers, and companions ensure ill and disabled persons can live in healthy households, have clean clothes, nutritious meals, and help with their activities of daily living.

Hospice Care – a holistic, family supportive, medically directed, team-oriented program that seeks to treat and comfort individuals and families coping with terminal illnesses.

Services provided to the Town of Lancaster in FY2004 include:

<u>Type of Care</u>	<u># of Visits</u>
Nursing	2
Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy	0
Medical Social Service	0
Home Health Aid/Homemaker/Companion	54
Total	56

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Jurasek, Executive Director

WEEKS MEDICAL CENTER
DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK

**Home Health & Hospice
Services
Annual Report – 2004
Town of Lancaster**



**Members of the Weeks Medical Center
Home Health and Hospice Team**

Weeks Medical Center-Home Health and Hospice is grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of Lancaster and greatly appreciates your continued support and confidence. Town funding is critically important and is used to assist families and individuals who are unable to pay for Home Health and Hospice Services and to support care where funding does not cover direct costs.

Our Home Health and Hospice Services continue to provide Lancaster residents with a wide range of services. Weeks Home Health and Hospice provides continuity of health care from the hospital to patients' homes. Services include skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapies; certified home health aides; homemakers; medical social services; intravenous therapies and care to the terminally ill.

Our Medicare Certified Hospice program continues to provide excellent palliative care to the terminally ill. Weeks Hospice is a special kind of holistic care . . . focusing on the emotional and spiritual needs of the family, as well as the physical needs of the patient at the end of life. No one is refused care based on an inability to pay. Over the last year, 20 hospice patients received care, support and love from our nurses, aides and volunteers. To celebrate their memory, a luminary service was held and many residents from area towns were in attendance.

Regional and Town Services – A Summary

	Skilled Nursing	Rehab Services	Home Health Aide	Home- makers	Visits & Units
Regional services provided by WMC – Home Health	7002	1250	7135	23278	38665
Services to the Town of Lancaster	3063	507	2646	9875	16091

Thank you for your continuing support and confidence.

2004
**WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH and DEVELOPMENTAL
SERVICES**

**Director's Report
Town of Lancaster**

The world has changed. We here in the North Country would like to think that our location somehow shelters us from this reality, but this is not the case. Children in our communities are developing more emotional, behavioral, and developmental disorders than at any time in the past. The families we see at White Mountain Mental Health are often facing multiple stressors: lack of job security, lack of health insurance, a child with serious problems in school, and the financial and emotional stress of single-parenting. It is no surprise that depression, anxiety, and substance abuse often are the result.

As the level of pressure rises, our society can offer fewer natural supports. Many people live relatively isolated lives, and have no place to turn when life becomes overwhelming. Others may call upon friends or family and find that these potential supports are themselves so over-burdened that they are unable to respond. In this post – 9/11 world, we all share anxiety as we deal for the first time in our lives with fears of terrorism and the reality of our sons, daughters, and spouses leaving to fight a frightening and far-away war.

In this environment, White Mountain Mental Health, and our developmental services program, Common Ground is here to help. Part of our job is to provide the intensive and extensive services that are needed to allow persons with serious mental illness or developmental disability to live successfully in their communities. These services are funded through our contract with the State of New Hampshire. But most of our clients are not State funded. We turn to the towns and to private donors for assistance to allow us to continue to be here for all of the people who live among us, who need competent, professional help in facing the tribulations of life.

Chances are that your family member or neighbor will not advertise the fact that they have needed and used our services; life's challenges are often private. This report is one means of informing you, the taxpayer, of the fact that the small appropriation provided by your town has an immeasurable impact on the quality of life in our communities. This impact is seen in children who become more successful in school and better prepared for adulthood, in adults who resume functioning as employees and parents, and in elders who are able to stay independent and productive.

Support for our services is not only “the right thing to do”; it is an investment in the health and productivity of our community. Needs assessments in local towns consistently show that unmet mental health needs rank as one of the top three concerns of area residents. Our ability to help address this concern among uninsured or under-insured residents of the North Country is dependent upon your continued support.

Service Statistics:

During 2004, 165 residents of Lancaster received 5676 hours of service. Our services include:

- ✓ 24 hour emergency service
- ✓ individual and family treatment, offered both in the office and in homes
- ✓ intensive, “wrap-around” services to children with serious emotional disturbance and their families
- ✓ in-home support and treatment of elders
- ✓ substance abuse counseling and substance abuse prevention services
- ✓ psychiatric consultation and medication evaluation
- ✓ a wide array of supports and services to allow persons with a developmental disability to live full lives and to provide respite and support to their families

Thank you for your continued appropriation to allow us to continue these services.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane C. MacKay LICSW
Area Director

**RESIDENT DEATH REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DEC. 31, 2004**

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
January			
13	Virginia Merrow	Walter Porter	Mildred Orton
25	Joseph Richardson	Charles Richardson	Grace Osgood
25	Rosaline Sommer	Nicholas Vogel	Anna Demmerle
February			
01	Rhoades Sawyer	John Sawyer	Marjorie Whitemore
02	Emma Gunther	Arthur Goulette	Olivene Pelletier
23	Roy Merrow	Harry Merrow	Marion Wark
March			
02	Ella Clauss	Frederic Hand	Alice Knights
06	George Cass	Unknown	Ernestine Cass
10	Julia Eastman	Ernest Eastman	Eva Hicks
11	Harold Palin	Morris Palin	Anna Hoffman
12	Donald Bunt	Harry Bunt	Edna Seely
13	Richard Summa	Dewey Summa	Neva Reed
28	Eleanor Rolandelli	Joseph Piascik	Josephine Ruccala
29	Pauline Tobyne	Erastus Blodgett	Mary Silver
April			
01	Hyman Nusman	Samuel Nusman	Ida Sideman
02	Alice Bishop	Frank Stickney	Eda Roundy
03	Barbara Albert	Frederick Robinson	Anna Johnson
12	Joseph Bodnar	Julius Bodnar	Mary Unknown
24	Joan Grattage	Clayton Frenette	Viola Zanes
26	Allegra Colborn	Charles Truitt	Mary Topping
May			
08	John Martin	Millard Martin	Louise Hodgdon
15	Arvena Cole	Ansel Harris	Bertha Strout
16	Eveline Webster	George Laleme	Mabel Gilbert
28	Daniel Brown	Daniel Brown	Rena McKaig
31	Teresa Shepard	Jozef Dabizs	Teresa Szeles
June			
03	Edward Dorr	Cola Dorr	Flossie Corrigan
17	Stefanie Herrmann	John Kuren	Mary Krula
21	Doris Mancino	William Mancino	Stella Gagne
29	Blanche Lewis	Arthur MacLean	Grace Lawlor
July			
11	Edna Whyte	William Whyte	Eliza McCowan
19	Hazel Gardner	Shirley Gardner	Elizabeth Monahan
29	Lon Edwards	Thomas Edwards	Myrtle Lowery

DEATHS

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
August			
03	Priscilla Bush	John Springer	Nicena Boutwell
10	Brenda Cross	Harry Ives	Ethel Ives
21	Therese Baillargeon	Joseph Aubin	Melina Gagnon
26	Thomas Corridan	Thomas Corridan	Pearl Dunne
September			
06	Ralph Benson	Albert Benson	Signe Beck
16	Edward O'Leary	John O'Leary	Elizabeth Maher
25	Rita LaCroix	Henry LaCroix	Victoria LaCroix
27	Frederick Martin	Rupert Martin	Annie Ells
28	Beulah Reynolds	Burton McLain	Conseulla Burt
October			
08	Margaret Nichols	Lloyd Fogg	Edna Deering
21	Raymond Brooks	Albert Brooks	Mina Brunnell
27	Kathleen Calderon	Julio Cerra	Maria Ronner
27	John Brett	Thomas Brett	Margaret Boxwell
November			
05	Elmer Eager	Carl Eager	Pearl Dodge
15	Shirley Hunt	Arthur Ruggles	Lena Green
December			
05	Ruth Jarvie	Alexander Cullen	Lulu Fuller
11	Paulina Driscoll	Louis Samson	Ida Kenney
21	Mary Burke	Cyril Samson	Lucy Paquet
29	Frederick Smith	Israel Smith	Beatrice Emery
30	Catherine Hicks	Francis Wechtel	Wyola Shaw
31	Anne Burke	Felix Yurkonis	Rose Sharkonis





**TOWN OF LANCASTER
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004**

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Name of Mother</u>
February 19	Carson Paul	Daniel Fournier	Dorothy Fournier
February 27	Connor Owen	Andrew Walther	Medene Walther
April 07	Ryan Cooper	Jeffrey Bangs	Linda Bangs
May 04	Madison Rae	Chad Crane	Christine Crane
May 05	Matthew James	Peter Dickman	Kate Dickman
May 24	Camille Ann	Eric Marceau	Mary Marceau
May 27	Clementine Scobie	Benjamin Southworth	Kirsten Scobie
June 19	Brody Scott	Chad Labounty	Jeannine Labounty
July 05	Gavin Walter	Matthew Bradley	Wendy Bradley
July 26	Dawson Robert	Silance Steady	Angie Steady
Sept 04	Chalamiysh	Jeremiah Alexander	Angie Alexander
Sept 15	Kelly Ann	Stanley Ford	Laura Ford
Oct 06	Hunter Lane	James Dingman	Callie Dingman
Nov 10	Charles Thomas	Christian Gainer	Pamela Gainer
Nov 28	Amelia Campbell Kinsolving	Macgill James	Erica James
Nov 29	Kelly Lillian	Jude Gesel	Susan Gesel
Nov 29	Mae Rose	Jude Gesel	Susan Gesel

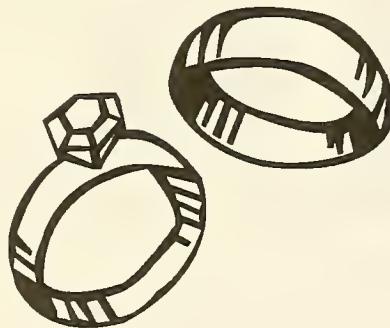


**RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT
FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name & Residence of Groom</u>	<u>Surname & Residence of Bride</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
Jan 9	Shane T. Cloutier Stark, NH	Tia A. Keddy Lancaster, NH	Chichester
Jan 10	Matthew A. Chase Littleton, NH	Crystal D. Michaels Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Jan 17	Paul H. Hood Lancaster, NH	Cynthia L. Roy Colebrook, NH	Bethlehem
Jan 28	Jessie A. Caron Groveton, NH	Michal J. Ricker Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Feb 21	Joseph A. Ogle Lancaster, NH	Rachel L. Johnson Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Apr 4	Richard A. Chase Lancaster, NH	Gloria E. Maker Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
June 5	Douglas C. Carriere Haverhill, NH	Amanda L. Benoit Lancaster, NH	Orford
June 19	Justin R. Barlow Somerville, MA	Taffey-Marie A Cunnien Lancaster, NH	Bethlehem
June 26	Donald R. Winget Lancaster, NH	Cynthia J. Sheptor Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
July 12	Frank H. Savage Lancaster, NH	Merry Jane D Bohol Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
July 12	Chad M. Walter Lancaster, NH	Rose M. Leno Lancaster, NH	Dalton
July 17	Timothy P. MacKillop Lancaster, NH	Robin L. Fearon Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
July 17	Christopher M. Corliss Lancaster, NH	Tanya L. Chapman Lancaster, NH	Colebrook
July 17	Christopher M. Ricker Lancaster, NH	Sharon L. Danforth Lancaster, NH	Stewartstown
July 31	Dennis A. Normandeau Lancaster, NH	Cynthia J. Campbell Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Aug 7	Gary R. Rexford Lancaster, NH	Teresa L. Eaton Lancaster, NH	Lancaster

**RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT
FOR THE TOWN OF LANCASTER
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name & Residence of Groom</u>	<u>Surname & Residence of Bride</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
Aug 14	Richard F. Daley Lancaster, NH	Joan G. Salvas Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Aug 16	Peter J. Rizzo Lancaster, NH	Martina Tinklova Rogers, AR	Lancaster
Sept 11	Frank J. Prue Lancaster, NH	Brenda D. Hines Lancaster, NH	Littleton
Oct 9	Burt E. Gilbert Lancaster, NH	Susan L. Hartshorn Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Nov 13	James F. World Lancaster, NH	Lisa J. Creighton Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Nov 20	Edgar I. Stoddard Lancaster, NH	Charlyn C. Amante Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Dec 11	James G. Savage Jefferson, NH	Lisa D. Wade Lancaster, NH	Jefferson
Dec 18	Louis E. Perry Lancaster, NH	Bobbi-Jo Bean Lancaster, NH	Lancaster
Dec 31	Michael R. Cummings Lancaster, NH	Stephanie L. Thompson Lancaster, NH	Lancaster





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Executive Councilor
District One

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE by Raymond S. Burton

It is an honor to be starting my 27th and 28th year as one of your public servants her in District One.

The Executive Council is your effective point of contact at the top of your Executive Branch of state government. The Council acts much like a board of directors for the administration of public law and public budget as passed by the NH House and Senate. The Council also accepts grant money from federal programs for administration to community-based organizations.

As we look into the next two years, I urge citizens to become involved through their regional planning commissions in bringing forth concerns and ideas for transportation projects. It is in my opinion that not many new projects will be done, due to lack of sufficient funds. We will be lucky to maintain what we have and build what is in the current ten-year transportation plan.

District Health Councils are in full gear whereby local health concerns can be articulated directly to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. This is largest agency in our state government.

With a new administration headed by Governor John Lynch there will be many board and commissions looking for volunteers. If you are interested in finding out what is available, please visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index or call my office.

My office is always available to assist in questions for relief, assistance, and information. Also, available and free is the NH Constitution, state map and brochure on the Executive Council. Please contact me anytime. It is my pleasure to serve you and your region.

TOWN OF LANCASTER

25 Main Street
Lancaster, NH 03584

FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE 9-1-1

Fire Alarm Pull-Box Codes – The first digit of the code is sounded, a pause, then the second digit.

12	Main Street near Old Cemetery
13	Corner Main and Railroad Streets
14	Junction Route 2 & 3 (north)
15	Corner Main and Kilkenny Streets
16	Corner Causeway and Summer Streets
17	Coös Junction
21	Corner Main & Mechanic Sts. & All Rural Areas
22	Corner Pleasant and Portland Streets
23	Corner Williams and Prospect Streets
24	Prospect Street near former Mary Elizabeth Inn
25	Corner Elm, Burnside and Winter Streets
26	Corner Elm and Water Streets
27	Holton Park
28	Portland Street near #73
29	Water and Winter Streets
31	Corner Summer and Wolcott Streets
32	Corner Railroad and Depot Sts., B & M Crossing
33	Corner High and Summer Streets
34	Corner Summer and Middle Streets
35	Corner Middle and Stone Streets
36	Corner Middle, Hill and Mechanic Streets
37	North Road (Beyond Hospital)
41	Thompson Mills
42	Corner Main and Middle Streets
43	Corner Main and Park Streets
44	WEEKS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
45	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING
46	COUNTRY VILLAGE HEALTH CARE CENTER
51	Bunker Hill Street by M.C. Railroad Crossing
52	Top of Bunker Hill Street
142	HOLTON POINT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY
55	Red Cross – Civil Defense Emergency First Aid
333	NATIONAL GUARD
7-7	6:45 AM ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED ENTIRE DAY

CIVILIAN DEFENSE SIGNALS

Alert Signal - Steady Blast 3 Minutes

Take Cover Signal - Short Blast 3 Minutes

All Clear -30-Second Blast - 2 Minutes Silence, Repeat

I'M A CITIZEN OF THIS TOWN

I am one of many who live in Lancaster.

I take my role here seriously.

I am part of all that's going on.

'Cause I believe in me.

I am a part of everything,

A part of everyone, everywhere.

I am her and I belong.

I'm a citizen of this town, of this town.

REPEAT 1 AND 2

I am a part of everything

A part of everyone, everywhere.

I am here and I belong

I'm a citizen of this town,

I am a part of everything.

A part of everyone, everywhere.

I am here and I belong.

I'm a citizen . . . I'm a citizen.

I'm a citizen of this town.

Of this town.

I am!

